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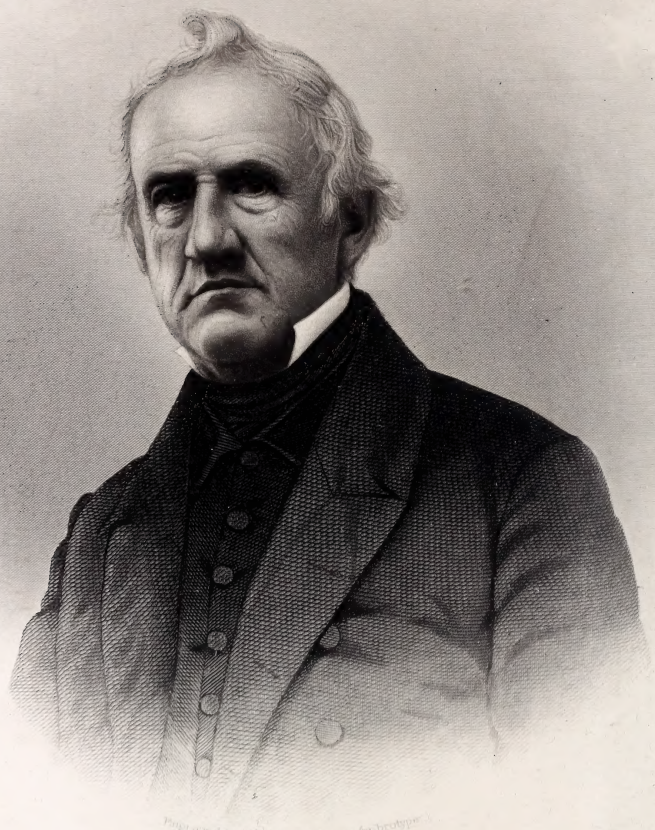


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HISTORY  
OF  
BRUNSWICK,  
TOPSHAM, AND HARPSWELL,  
MAINE,

INCLUDING THE ANCIENT TERRITORY KNOWN AS

Pejepscot.

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*"Histories make men wise."* — BACON.

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TO

**The Memory of**

THE ESTEEMED CITIZEN,

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FAITHFUL AND EARNEST HISTORICAL STUDENT,

THE LATE

JOHN MCKEEN, ESQUIRE,

WHOSE RESEARCHES IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE

PEJEPSCOT REGION

JUSTLY ENTITLE HIM TO OUR GRATEFUL

REMEMBRANCE,

**This Volume is Dedicated.**



## PREFACE.

THE labor of compiling a local history, though not necessarily requiring a very high order of talent, does require a careful and conscientious examination of a large amount of miscellaneous material. The difficulties attending a compilation of this kind are numerous and, many of them, not easily to be anticipated. In the words of Sterne, "When a man sits down to write a history, though it be but the history of Jack Hickathrift or Tom Thumb, he knows no more than his heels what lets and confounded hindrances he is to meet with in his way."

So much is said by way of apology for the unavoidable errors that may, perchance, be discovered in this volume. The undertaking itself needs no apology, as the value of such compilations, not only to the writers of general history, but also to the public more immediately interested, is now everywhere admitted.

The aim of the compilers has been to furnish a work which should be valuable rather than merely entertaining. They have endeavored to give a faithful and complete *history* of the three towns, and although they have tried to make the volume more interesting by the introduction, when proper, of narratives and traditions, yet this they have considered of secondary importance.

The methodical arrangement of a work of this kind, so as to embrace all that is desired and at the same time to avoid frequent repetition, is involved with difficulties, and is, after all, somewhat a matter of taste. In this work the arrangement by the topics into which the subject is most naturally divided has been adopted as, on the whole, the best. Each division of the subject has, however, been arranged in chronological order, and for further convenience of reference full indexes have been appended.

It is proper, in this place, to acknowledge the assistance which the compilers have received, in various ways, in the prosecution of their work. Their very great indebtedness to the labors of the late John McKeen, Esquire, has already been shown, and is still further shown by the frequent reference to him throughout the book; but they desire also to acknowledge the kindness of Miss Frances A. McKeen in furnishing them with the private papers of her father.

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Much interesting information has also been obtained from notes made by the late James McKeen, M. D.



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The various illustrations given in the book will, it is hoped, be satisfactory to the public. The *portraits* were furnished by and inserted at the expense of the friends of the persons whom they represent.

The Pejepscot plan of the Brunswick and Topsham lots was made from two of the original plans, and was reduced and engraved by the photo-lithographic process, by J. H. Bufford's Sons, Boston. The map of Brunswick and Topsham villages in 1802 was compiled from a written description of Brunswick by the late John McKeen, Esquire, and from verbal descriptions of Topsham by Mr. James Wilson and the late Mrs. Nathaniel Green.

All of the maps and most of the illustrations are from drawings made by Mr. Charles G. Wheeler, Bowdoin, Class of 1876.

Whatever praise or censure may be due the authors for the manner in which they have executed their work should be equally divided between them, as it has been a joint production, in which they are themselves unable to specify their respective claims of authorship.

In conclusion: To the citizens of the three towns, and more especially to those of Brunswick and Harpswell, whose interest in the work has been so fully shown by their liberal appropriations in aid of its publication, this volume is offered with gratitude and respect, and its favorable reception will be deemed an ample remuneration for their labors by

THE AUTHORS.

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## PART I.

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" THIS is the place, — stand still, my steed,  
Let me review the scene,  
And summon from the shadowy past,  
The forms that once have been ! "

LONGFELLOW, *A Gleam of Sunshine.*





# HISTORY

OF

## Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell.

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### CHAPTER I.

#### ABORIGINAL INHABITANTS.

THE Indian race, formerly occupying the territory now embraced by the State of Maine, was divided, as most authors state, into two considerable nations, called the Etechemins and the Abenakis. The former nation occupied the region east, and the latter that west, of the Penobscot River.<sup>1</sup>

The Abenaki nation was composed of four principal tribes, viz. : —

1. The Sokokis, who had their principal encampments upon the Saco River.

2. The Anasagunticooks, who occupied the entire valley of the Androscoggin River.

3. The Canibas, who dwelt upon the Kennebec, from its tide waters to its source.

4. The Wawenocks, who reside between the Sagadahock and the river St. George, and upon the latter.<sup>2</sup>

The Anasagunticooks were, at the first advent of Europeans, a very numerous, powerful, and warlike tribe. The Pejepscoot Indians were, in all probability, a sub-tribe of the Anasagunticooks. They had customary places of resort, if not permanent places of residence, at the Brunswick Falls, at Maquoit, and at Mair Point. It is now considered probable, from the remains and relics found there, that the latter was the place of one of their villages in the sixteenth century.<sup>3</sup>

Like most of the native tribes, the Anasagunticooks were, at first,

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<sup>1</sup> Willis, *Maine Historical Collection*, 4, p. 96.    *Vetromile, The Abenakis*, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Kibler, *Maine Historical Collection*, 6, p. 235    *Williamson and others*.

<sup>3</sup> John McKeen, *Manuscript Lecture*.

probably friendly to the whites. At least, our settlers are represented as living with them upon the most friendly terms up to about the time of King Philip's War.<sup>1</sup>

They soon, however, became extremely and inveterately hostile to the settlers upon their domain, and until their extermination by disease and by the aggressions of the whites, they continued to exhibit their animosity by frequent attacks upon isolated settlements and habitations and by lying in ambush for individuals or small parties.

The plague which broke out among them about the year 1615 or 1616 so reduced them that, in the latter year, they numbered only 1,500 warriors.<sup>2</sup>

They were still further reduced in number by warfare and other causes, so that there were, according to one authority,<sup>3</sup> on November 24, 1726, only five Indians in the tribe over sixteen years of age. John Hegan was their sachem at this time.

Twenty-five years later there were one hundred and sixty warriors in the tribe.<sup>4</sup> This is a large increase in number, but yet it shows how weak the tribe had become.

The most celebrated sagamores of this tribe were Darumkin, Worumbo, and Hodgkins, — called sometimes Hawkins. Of the former but little is known, except that he was the father of Terramugus, and on several occasions served as orator for the tribe.

Worumbo is better known on account of his deed to Richard Wharton, July 7, 1684, confirming to him the lands formerly conveyed to and possessed by Thomas Purchase.

Hodgkins (or Hawkins), whose Indian name was Kankamagus, was, in reality, a sachem of the Pennacooks, but he joined the Androscoggins about 1684, and lived with Worumbo.

Mugg is thought to have been another of their sachems,<sup>5</sup> although by some authors he is supposed to have belonged to the Penobscot tribe.<sup>6</sup> He was very conspicuous in the Indian war of 1676-77. On October 12, of the former year, he assaulted Black Point, now Scarborough, with one hundred men, and captured it. In 1677 he again besieged that garrison for three days, and killed three men and took one captive. He was himself killed, May 16 of that year. Prior to this war he had lived for some time with the English, and had been very friendly to them.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture. Woodman, Manuscript History of Pejepscot.*

<sup>2</sup> *Williamson, 1, p. 483.*    <sup>3</sup> *Gyles's Statement, Maine Historical Collection, 3, p. 357.*

<sup>4</sup> *Williamson, 1, p. 483.*

<sup>5</sup> *Drake, Book of Indians, 3, p. 110.*

<sup>6</sup> *History of Penaquid, p. 122.*

<sup>7</sup> *Drake, Book of Indians, 3, p. 110.*



This chief must not be confounded with Mogg, — generally known as Mogg Megone, — who was killed at the time of Rasle's death (1724), and who belonged to the Saco Indians.

Another of their sagamores was Philip Will, originally a Cape Cod Indian; he was captured by the French, at the siege of Louisburg, when only fourteen years of age. Remaining with the Abenaki Indians, he became, eventually, a chief of this tribe. Will was brought up in the family of a Mr. Crocker, in which he was taught "to read, write, and cipher." He prevented, for many years, the final extinction of his tribe. He was six feet three inches in height, and possessed a good development.<sup>1</sup>

The fact that the lands occupied by the whites were duly purchased of and conveyed to them by the Indians themselves, and that the earlier settlers in this region endeavored to conciliate and make friends of them, seems to have had but little effect in restraining the savage disposition of the natives. After the first outbreak, they rarely lived on really peaceable terms with the settlers, and when there were no actual hostilities going on, they were continually strolling about and annoying the inhabitants,<sup>2</sup> and even isolated acts of friendship on the part of individuals amongst them were comparatively rare.

The settlement of the region occupied by this tribe, subsequent to the time of King Philip's War, presents continual scenes of carnage and destruction, midnight massacres and conflagrations, until the tribe itself became extinct.

The language of the Abenaki nation has been carefully studied by many competent students, but the difficulties in the way of thoroughly understanding the different dialects are so great that much uncertainty still exists, both as to the correct pronunciation and derivation, and also as to the meaning, of very many of the names formerly applied to localities. The Indian names, and their signification in English, of some of the more important places, will, nevertheless, prove interesting, and are therefore given in this connection.

ABAGADUSSET River and Point. — The original name of the point was Nagusset.<sup>3</sup> At a later day it was called Point Agreeable. Abagadusset, or *Bagadusset*, one of its forms, means "to shine," the reflection of the light from the waters of the bay probably giving the name.<sup>4</sup> This river and point is not included within the present territory of either of the three towns, but was within the limits of the Pejepscot tract as originally claimed, and reference to it is often made.

<sup>1</sup> Williamson, 1, p. 481.

<sup>2</sup> McKen. MSS. Lecture.

<sup>3</sup> Pejepscot Papers.

<sup>4</sup> Dr. Ballard in the United States Coast Survey Report, 1868, p. 246.

AH-ME-LAH-COG-NETUR-COOK, which means a place of much game, of fish, fowl, and beasts, was the Indian name for Brunswick near the Falls.<sup>1</sup>

ANDROSCOGGIN. — The river now known as the Androscoggin, and from which the tribe inhabiting its shores received its name, was variously called the *Anasagunticook*, the *Anconganunticook*, *Amasaguntig*, and *Amasongan*. The latter is the original of Androscoggin, as appears by the deposition of the Indian Perepole.<sup>2</sup> The name has been written in some sixty different forms, as its sound was received by the ancient hunters, owners, and settlers. There seems to have been a disposition to make it conform to known words in the English usage. The name "Coggin" is a family appellation in New England; and it was easy to place before it, according to each man's preference, other familiar names, and to call the stream "Ambrose Coggin," "Amos Coggin," "Andrews Coggin," "Andros Coggin," and "Andrus Coggin."<sup>3</sup> Vetromile<sup>4</sup> says that Coggin means "coming"; that *Ammascoggin* means "fish coming in the spring," and that Androscoggin means "Andros coming," referring to the visit of a former governor of the province. But the visit of Governor Andros was not made until 1688, while the river is called Androscoggin in an indenture, made in 1639, between Thomas Purchase and Governor Winthrop.<sup>5</sup>

Another authority<sup>6</sup> says the word means "the Great Skunk River." By another,<sup>7</sup> it is said to be derived from *naamas* (fish), *kees* (high), and *auke* (place), and to mean "the high fish place." According to Reverend Dr. Ballard,<sup>8</sup> its derivation is from the word *namās* (fish), abbreviated, as is the frequent practice, by dropping the first letter, and *Skaughigan* (Skowhegan), a fish-spear. The name may therefore be translated the Fish Spear, or Fish *Spearing*. The name, as furnished by Perepole, with his description, marked the part of the river above the *Amitigonpontook* — that is, the "Clay-land Falls" at Lewiston, — upward to "*Arockamecook*," that is, the "Hoe-land," at Canton Point. The rips and shallows in this portion were favorable for *spearing fish* beyond any part below.

BUNGANUNGANOCK, commonly shortened to Bunganock, is the name

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*.

<sup>2</sup> *Maine Historical Collection*, 3, p. 333, taken from the *Pejepscot Papers*.

<sup>3</sup> *Dr. Ballard in United States Coast Survey*, 1868, p. 247.

<sup>4</sup> *History of the Abenakis*, p. 24.

<sup>5</sup> See next chapter.

<sup>6</sup> *Willis, Maine Historical Collection*, 4, p. 115.

<sup>7</sup> *Potter, Maine Historical Collection*, 4, p. 189.

<sup>8</sup> *Report of the United States Coast Survey*, 1868, p. 247.

of a small stream flowing into Maquoit Bay. It runs at the bottom of a deep ravine, suggesting the name of Bunganunganock, which means the "High-bank Brook."<sup>1</sup>

CATHANCE River, pronounced by the Indians *Kat-huh-nis*, is said by them to mean *bent*, or *crooked*.<sup>2</sup>

MAQUOIT means the "bear-place" or "bear-bay."

MERRICONEAG. — This name was originally applied only to the Indian "carrying-place" at the upper end of Harpswell Neck, but finally denoted the whole peninsula. The word in full would be *Mer-rucoonegan*, from *merru* (swift, quick), and *oonegan* (portage), meaning the "quick carrying-place."<sup>3</sup>

PEJEPSCOT. — That portion of the Androscoggin River extending from Brunswick Falls to Merrymeeting Bay, and the adjacent land upon the south, was called Pejepscot. The word was originally applied to the water, and meant "crooked, like a diving snake."<sup>4</sup>

QUABACOOK, meaning "the duck water place,"<sup>5</sup> was the Indian designation of Merrymeeting Bay. The English name of this bay, according to one, and the most probable, tradition, had its origin from the meeting of the waters of five rivers. According to another account, the name was due to the meeting of two surveying parties, and their enjoyment of the occasion upon its shores.<sup>6</sup>

SAWACOOK, as the land upon the north side of the river where Topsham is situated was called, signifies, according to one authority,<sup>7</sup> "the burnt place"; according to other authorities it means either "a tree forking in many branches," or else it means "the place to find many cranberries."<sup>8</sup>

SEBASCODGAN is the Indian name of the Great Island in Harpswell. This name is supposed to be derived from *k'tche* (great) and *t'basco-degan* (measure), and this solution of the name shows that the natives had taken some means of *measuring* the island and had found it *great*.<sup>9</sup>

There are other Indian names of localities in the vicinity of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell which have been preserved by tradi-

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Ballard in *United States Coast Survey Report for 1868*, p. 248.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Dr. Ballard in *United States Coast Survey Report for 1868*, pp. 248, 258.

<sup>4</sup> Willis, in *Maine Historical Collection*, 4, p. 108.

<sup>5</sup> *Pejepscot Papers, Perepole's Deposition.* Also, Dr. True, in *Brunswick Telegraph*, 1864.

<sup>6</sup> Dr. Ballard in *United States Coast Survey Report for 1868*, p. 253.

<sup>7</sup> Dr. N. T. True, of Bethel.

<sup>8</sup> Potter, *Maine Historical Collection*, 4, p. 191.

<sup>9</sup> Dr. Ballard in *United States Coast Survey Report for 1868*, p. 258.



tion, but those that have been mentioned are the best known. The others hardly require particular mention in this connection.

The Indians, in their travels from place to place, went by water whenever possible. The places where they were obliged to leave the water, either to go around falls and rapids or to cross from the salt water to the fresh, or from stream to stream, were called carrying-places, because at these places they were obliged to leave the water and carry their canoes. The paths they made from one carrying-place to another were called trails. The principal carrying-places were in Harpswell, at CONDY'S POINT, Sebascodegan, the trail leading across the point, and at Indian Point Landing, on the northeast corner of Sebascodegan. There was also one across the upper end of MERRICONEAG NECK. In Brunswick, the chief carrying-places were: THE UPPER CARRYING-PLACE. This was at the bend of the river above the falls, and was the place where the Indians left the river on their way to Maquoit. The name was given to distinguish it from the lower or STEVENS'S CARRYING-PLACE. The latter was at the narrow neck of land between the New Meadows River and Merrymeeting Bay. The land was owned in 1673 by Thomas Stevens, hence its name. WIGWAM POINT, a small point of land extending into the New Meadows River, a short distance above the dike or bridge at the foot of Ham's Hill, though not strictly a carrying-place, was a landing-place of the Indians, who probably had a wigwam there. It was once called *Indian Town*.

In Topsham, the chief carrying-place was at the Androscoggin River, above Merrill's, and the trail led to Cathance Pond. It is probable there was another carrying-place at the head of Muddy River, with trails leading to the Androscoggin and Cathance Rivers.

After Lovewell's war, the Indians dwelling on the Androscoggin, finding they were too weak to protect themselves either from the settlers or from other tribes, moved to Canada and joined the Saint Francis tribe. Even the bones of their ancestors are no longer to be found, and naught but a few names remains to remind us of the existence of this once powerful tribe.



## CHAPTER II.

THE PEJEPSCOT PURCHASE, AND PRIOR SETTLEMENTS, 1605-1714.

THE earliest voyage of discovery made to the immediate vicinity of the Androscoggin River was possibly that of Captain George Weymouth, in the spring of 1605. He is supposed to have come up to the falls.<sup>1</sup> That it was the Sagadahoc River, and not the St. George's or the Penobscot, which Weymouth visited, has not, however, been fully settled.

[1607.] He was followed in the year 1607 by Captain George Popham, who arrived near Monhegan, July 31, in two vessels, the "Gift of God" and the "Mary and John," carrying one hundred and twenty planters. From Monhegan they went to Cape Small Point, and built a fort on Atkins Bay. This fortification was named Fort Saint George. Though the place was abandoned the next summer, it was intended to be a permanent settlement, and was occupied sufficiently long to establish its claim to be called the first English settlement on the New England coast.

[1620.] In the year 1620 a charter was granted by King James I to forty "noblemen, knights, and gentlemen," constituting them a body corporate, called the Council of Plymouth. Their territorial limits extended from the fortieth to the forty-eighth parallel of latitude, and from sea to sea.

The Council of Plymouth, in addition to the grant to the Plymouth Company of New England, granted patents in the Province of Maine to the Kennebec (or New Plymouth) Company, the Muscongus (or Wadko) Company, and to the Pemaquid Company.

[1632.] They also, June 16, 1632,<sup>2</sup> granted a patent to Thomas Purchase and George Way. By some this patent is thought to have emanated directly from King James.<sup>3</sup> The patent itself was lost,<sup>4</sup> and no record of it has been found. It is known to have existed from the frequent references to it in old deeds and other documents.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, Maine Historical Collections*, 5, p. 335.

<sup>2</sup> *Willis, History of Portland*, p. 64.    <sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Records, Statement of Title*.

<sup>4</sup> *Very likely when Purchase's house was burned.*

<sup>5</sup> "A Patent for a Plantation att Pejchipscot," is recorded in the "Catalogue of such

The Thomas Purchase above named was undoubtedly the first individual to settle in this region of the Androscoggin. He came about the year 1628, before the issue of the patent, therefore, and located himself somewhere within the limits of the present town of Brunswick. Whereabouts he established his house is a matter of doubt. The question is discussed at some length in the Pejepscot Records.<sup>1</sup> Abram Whitney, who lived at Little River in 1796, Samuel Wilson, Symonds Baker, a Mr Tebbetts, and Andrew Dunning all testified, about 1796, that according to common report, prevalent during their childhood, Thomas Purchase lived at the Ten-Mile Falls (Little River), and that they had seen there an old chimney and a cellar, which the aged people called Purchase's cellar. John Moulton, Gideon Hinkley, and Richard Knowles testified in 1794, Thomas Thompson and James Hunter, of Topsham, in 1795, to the effect that they had been told by their parents and other aged people that Purchase formerly lived at New Meadows River, at a place afterwards known as "Stevens's Carrying-Place." A great many others testify, on one side or the other, and a certain number of them to the effect that his residence was at the Pejepscot Falls.<sup>2</sup>

The opinion has been expressed by some that Purchase, on first settling down as a trader with the Indians, dwelt at what was subsequently known as Stevens's Carrying-Place, and that when the English settled in somewhat near proximity to him, he, in order to monopolize, as much as possible, the trade with the natives, moved up to the Pejepscot Falls, and subsequently to the Ten-Mile Falls. Since it is known, however, that he very early went into the fishing business, it would seem quite as probable that he first settled at the falls, and afterwards, when too old to carry on the fishing business, took a farm at New Meadows. There is, probably, no reasonable basis for the supposition, entertained by some, that there were three individuals of the same name, situated near each other.<sup>3</sup>

Nothing has been found to show that George Way was ever settled in this vicinity. At the time the patent was issued Way lived in Dorchester, England; and though his widow and sons afterwards resided in Hartford, Conn., it is not known, with certainty, that he himself ever came over to this country.

*Patentes as I know granted for making Plantacons in New England,* No. 16, Vol. 2, Colonial Records, in the Public Record Office, London. (See *Maine Historical Collections, Memorial Volume*, p. 124)

<sup>1</sup> Statement of Title.

<sup>2</sup> There are said to be nearly one hundred depositions in the Pejepscot Records, in reference to the residence of Thomas Purchase.

<sup>3</sup> See Sketch of Purchase in Part III.

The grant to Purchase and Way was not very extensive. It is defined as "certain lands in New England called the river Bishops-cotte, and all that bounds and limits the main land adjoining the river to the extent of two miles" only.<sup>1</sup> The river called Bishops-cotte is undoubtedly that portion of the Androscoggin known as the Pejepscot. The old patents were apt to be indefinite, and oftentimes conflicted with one another, but this grant seems unusually definite as to its width, and tallies well with the following indenture, between Thomas Purchase and Governor Winthrop:—

"This indenture, made the 22<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>, @ 1639, betweene Thomas Purchas, of Pagiscott, gentleman, of the one parte, and John Winthrope, Esq: Governo<sup>r</sup> of the Massachusets, on the behalfe of himselfe, the Governo<sup>r</sup> & Company of the Massachusets, on the other parte, witnesseth, that the said Thomas, for divers good causes & considerations him therevnto moveing, hath given & granted, & by these p<sup>r</sup>sents doth give & grant, vnto the said John Winthrope & his successors, the Governo<sup>r</sup> & Company of the Massachusets, forever, all that tract of land at Pagiscott aforesaid, vpon both sides of the ryver Androscoggin, being four miles square towards the sea, w<sup>th</sup> all liberties & priviledges therevnto belonging, so as they may plant the same w<sup>th</sup> an English colony when they shall see fit, and shall have as full power to exercise iurisdiction there as they have in the Massachusets; provided, that the interest & possession of such lands as the said Thomas now vseth, or shall make vse of, for his owne stock, & improvement w<sup>th</sup> in seaven yeares next ensuing the date hereof, shall bee & remaine to the said Thomas & his heires & assignees forever vnder the iurisdiction aforesaid; and as well the said Thomas himselfe, & his family, & his heires & assignes, as all other the inhabitants vpon said lands, are forever to bee vnder the due ptection of the said Governo<sup>r</sup> & Company, by order of the Generall Court, as other inhabitants of the same iurisdiction are: This grant by approbation of the said Generall Court to bee recorded and exemplified vnder the comon seale, or otherwise to be voyde—In witnes whereof the parties above said have herevnto interchangably set their hands & seales the day & yeare first above written.

THOMAS PURCHES.

Signed, sealed & deliv<sup>d</sup>ed in the presence of

STEPHEN WINTHROPE

THOM: LECHFORD

AMOS RICHARDSON <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Maine Historical Collections*, 1, p. 152.

<sup>2</sup> *Records of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay in New England*, 1, pp. 272, 273.



It is generally considered that this deed gives the right of jurisdiction only, and not the right to the soil. The "four miles square towards the sea" can only refer to the direction towards Casco Bay, which is only about four miles distant. Up to this time Purchase was, probably, the only settler within the limits of what constitutes the present towns of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell.

[1657.] There was about this time considerable uncertainty as to what government had jurisdiction over this region. It was determined, in the year 1657, by an action brought for the purpose, by the widow Elizabeth Way against Purchase.<sup>1</sup> The matter was referred to the General Court of Massachusetts. In the legislature there was a difference of opinion on the subject, and that body appointed Mountjoy to run the easterly line of Massachusetts. He did so, and it was found that it extended to the mouth of the Sagadahock.<sup>2</sup>

[1669 to 1676.] About the year 1669 Thomas Gyles settled at Pleasant Point, on Merrymeeting Bay, in what is now Topsham. He purchased a tract of land two miles long and one mile broad, on the left bank of the Pejepscot, of Thomas Watkins, one of the residents on the Kennebec, and also of the Indian sachem, Darumkin.<sup>3</sup> His brother James settled near him,<sup>4</sup> as did also James Thomas and Samuel York, who, July 20, 1670, bought of Robinhood and Daniels all the tract of land between Gyles's lot and Terramagus<sup>5</sup> Cove.<sup>6</sup>

In 1675 Thomas Purchase added to the land granted by the Council of Plymouth, a large tract on the river, which he had bought of the Indians.<sup>7</sup> July 3d of this year, Thomas Stevens, who had previously owned land in North Yarmouth, settled at New Meadows, and bought a tract of land on the New Meadows River, of three Indian sagamores, Robinhood, Eramket Daniels, and Manessumet.<sup>8</sup> He had previously bought land of Thomas Purchase.<sup>9</sup>

The land purchased of the above-mentioned sagamores was "a certain piece or parcel of land adjoining to Pejepscot River, butted and bounded as follows: To the land of Thomas Stephens, now in possession, east, and to Alister Coombs, his land, south, and from the head of Alister Coombs, his marsh, westerly, to a certain path,

<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Bay Colony's Records*, Vol. 4, Part 1, p. 334.

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

<sup>3</sup> *York County Records*, 10, p. 82.

<sup>4</sup> *Gyles Memorial*, p. 103, et seq.

<sup>5</sup> *This cove, named for an Indian chief, is between the flour mill of Purinton, Beaumont, & Co., on the "Granny Hole" stream, and the Topsham end of the railroad bridge.*

<sup>6</sup> *Maine Historical Collection*, 3, p. 315, et seq.

<sup>7</sup> *Williamson. Hubbard.*

<sup>8</sup> *York County Records*, 9, p. 254.

<sup>9</sup> *Maine Historical Collection*, 3, p. 315.

called the carrying path, or carrying place, and from said path upon a strait line to a certain island, commonly called the Stave Island, standing at the lower end of Pejepscot Narrows, and to Pejepscot River north, and to the aforesaid land of Thomas Stephens easterly, to hold in fee with general warranty.”<sup>1</sup>

June 30, 1676, Stevens sold the above-described piece of land to Lancelot Pierce, who resided there for “some time.” What became of him is not known, but as William Pierce, of Milton, in 1715, claimed this land as heir of Lancelot Pierce,<sup>2</sup> it is probable that the latter moved to Milton or that vicinity, and died there. Stevens probably lived on the land which he bought of Purchase.

In 1672 Nicholas Cole and John Purrington bought of Sagettawon and Robin Hood, Indian sagamores, “all the Land Lying & Being between the Two Carrying Places Upon Merriconeag Neck Beginning at the head of the Westernmost Branch of Wigger Cove so directly over to Wester Bay to the Bight, and so up along the neck from side to Side untill they come to the Uppermost Carrying place at the head of the Wester Bay at the Meadow which George Phipping has formerly mowed, so over to the head of the crick that Comes in from the Easter Bay”; also “That whole Tract of Meadow which they have formerly possessed Upon the Great Island lying and being at the head of the Cove against the Little Cove on Great Jebege Island” The deed was witnessed by Thomas Stevens and his wife, Margaret.<sup>3</sup> It is probable that Purrington himself did not occupy this land. If he did, he afterwards moved to Arundel.<sup>4</sup>

Nicholas Shapleigh, of Kittery, had, about the year 1659, though the exact date is unknown, purchased and caused to be settled Merriconeag (Harpwell) Neck and the island of Sebascodegan. The purchase was made of the Indians, and the price paid for the deed was “a considerable sum of wampumpeag, several guns, and a parcel of tobacco.”<sup>5</sup> There is no special reason for supposing, however, that Shapleigh actually settled there himself.

[1683.] This land of Purchase and Way, and of Nicholas Shapleigh, all came into the hands of Richard Wharton, a Boston merchant. July 4, 1683, John Shapleigh, the heir of Nicholas, sold to Richard Wharton “all that tract or neck of land called Merryconeg in Casco Bay, Province of Maine, and is bounded at head or upper end, with the plains of Pejepscot or lands late belonging to or claimed by Mr.

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers, Statement of Title.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>5</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*



Purchase, and on all other sides or parts is encompassed and bounded with and by the salt water; and also all that the aforesaid island called Sebasco, alias Sequasco-diggin.”<sup>1</sup>

October 10, 1683, Eleazer Way, of Hartford, son and heir of George Way, the partner of Thomas Purchase, sold to Richard Wharton, for £100, “one moiety or half part, or whatever share or proportion, be the same more or less, he the s<sup>d</sup> Eliazer Way, now hath, may, might, should, or in anywise ought to have or claim, of, in or to a certain tract or parcel of land commonly called and known by name of Pejepscoot, situate, lying, and being within the Province of Maine in New England aforesaid,” together with one half of all lands, uplands, meadows, etc., belonging to the same, “which said tract of land and premises for the space of forty years, or thereabouts, before the late war with the Indians, was in the actual possession and improvement of Mr. Thomas Purchase, and was actually given by patent from the Council of Plymouth within said Kingdom of England, to the said George Way, and Thomas Purchase, deceased.”<sup>2</sup>

October 25, 1683, John Blaney, of Lynn, and Elizabeth, his wife, the former widow of Thomas Purchase, of Pejepscoot, deceased, and the administratrix of his estate, testified “that said Eliazer Way had sold his [Purchase’s] moiety to s<sup>d</sup> Wharton in s<sup>d</sup> Patent by the consent of the children of s<sup>d</sup> Purchase for their support and settlement for £150,” reserving seven lots which were secured to the children by articles in the deed. The portion sold was, “All that moiety, half deal and remaining share, whatsoever the same is or may be, of the said lands late belonging to the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Purchase by virtue of the said patent or any other right in partnership with the said George or Eliazer Way, and all the right and title, propriety and interest which the said Thomas Purchase died seized of, or that he might, should, or ought to have had in the said Province of Maine.” The children of Purchase signified their consent to the sale on the deed itself.<sup>3</sup>

It will be seen, from the above extracts, that at this time Wharton owned the whole of what is now the town of Harpswell, — except a few islands, — the greater portion of Brunswick, and a tract on the river in what is now the town of Topsham.

[1684.] On July 7, 1684, Worumbo and five other Indian sagamores signed and delivered to Wharton the following deed: —

“To ALL People to whom these presents shall come, Know Yee that whereas near three score years since M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Purchase deceas’d

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscoot Papers, Statement of Title.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

came into this Countrey as wee have been informed and did as well by Power or Patent derived from the King of England as by consent contract & agreement with Sagamores & Proprietors of all the Lands lying on the Easterly Side of Casco Bay & on the both sides of Androscoggen River & Kennebeck River, enter upon & take possession of all the Lands lying four Miles Westward from the uppermost Falls in S<sup>d</sup> Androscoggan River to Maquoit in Casco Bay & in the Lands on the other side Androscoggan River from above s<sup>d</sup> Falls down to Pejepscot and Merrymeeting Bay to be bounded by a South West & North East Line to run from the upper part of s<sup>d</sup> Falls to Kennebeck River & all the Lands from Maquoit to Pejepscot & to hold the same Breadth where the Land will bear it down to a place called Atkins his Bay near to Sagadahock or the Westerly side of Kennebeck River & all the Islands in the S<sup>d</sup> Kennebeck River & Land between the said Atkins his Bay & Small Point Harbour the Lands & Rivers & Pond interjacent containing in breadth about three English Miles more or less, And whereas we are well assured that Maj<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Shapleigh in his lifetime was both by purchase from the Indian Sagamores our Ancestors and consent of M<sup>r</sup>. Gorges Commissioner possessed & dyed Seized of the remainder of all the Lands lying & adjoining upon the Maine & all the Islands between the said Small Point Harbour & Maquoit afores<sup>d</sup> & particularly of a Neck of Land Merryconege & an Island called Sebasco Diggin. And whereas the Reliëts & Heirs of said Mr Purchase and Maj<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Shapleigh have reserved accommodations for their several Families sold all the remainder of the aforesaid Lands & Islands to Richard Wharton of Boston Merch<sup>t</sup>, And for asmuch as the said M<sup>r</sup> Purchase did personally possess improve & inhabit at Pejepscot afores<sup>d</sup> near the Centre or Middle of all the Lands afores<sup>d</sup> for near fifty years before the Late unhappy War, And Whereas the s<sup>d</sup> Richard Wharton hath desired an enlargement upon and between the s<sup>d</sup> Androscoggen & Kennebec Rivers & to encourage the Said Richard Wharton to settle an English Town & promote the Salmon and Sturgeon Fishing by which we promise our Selves great Supplies & Relief. Therefore & for other good causes & consideration, & especially for & in consideration of a Valuable Sum received from the S<sup>d</sup> Wharton in Merchandize. Wee Warumbee, Darumkine, Wihikermet, Wedon-Domhegon, Neonongasset, & Nimbanewet Chief Sagamores of all the aforesaid and other Rivers & Land Adjacent have in conformation of the said Richard Whartons Title & Propriety fully freely and absolutely given granted ratified & confirmed to him the said Richard Wharton all the afores<sup>d</sup> Lands from the uppermost part of

ANDROSCOGGAN FALLS FOUR MILES Westward & so down to MAQUOIT & by Said River of Pejepsco<sup>t</sup> & from the other side of Androscoggan Falls all the Land from the Falls to Pejepsco<sup>t</sup> & Merrymeeting Bay to Kenebeck & towards the Wilderness to be bounded by a SOUTH WEST & NORTH EAST LINE to extend from the upper part of the said Androscoggan UPPERMOST FALLS to the said River of KENEBECK & all the Land from Maquoit to Pejepsco<sup>t</sup> & to run & hold the same Breadth Where the Land will bear it unto ATKINS his BAY in Kenebeck River & SMALL POINT HARBOUR in Casco Bay and all ISLANDS in Kenebeck & Pejepsco<sup>t</sup> Rivers & Merrymeeting Bay & within the afores<sup>d</sup> Bounds. Especially the aforesaid Neck of Land called MERRYCONEGE & Island called SEBASCO DEGGIN Together with all Rivers Rivulets Brooks Ponds Pools Waters Watercourses. All wood Trees of Timber or other Trees & all Mines Mineralls & Quarries and especially the Sole & absolute use & benefit of Salmon and Sturgeon Fishing in all the Rivers Rivulets or Bays afores<sup>d</sup> & in all Rivers Brooks Creeks or Ponds within any of the Bounds aforesaid. And also Wee the Said Sagamores have upon the considerations aforesaid given granted bargained & sold enfeoffed & confirmed & do by these presents give grant bargain sell aliene enfeoffe & confirm to him the said Richard Wharton all the Land lying FIVE MILES ABOVE the uppermost of the said Androscoggan Falls in Breadth & Length holding the same Breadth from Androscoggan Falls to Kenebeck River & to be bounded by the afores<sup>d</sup> South West and North East Line & a parcell of Land at Five Miles Distance to run from Androscoggan to Kenebeck River as afores<sup>d</sup> Together with all the Profits Priviledges Commodities Benefits & Advantages & particularly the Sole Propriety Benefit & Advantage of the Salmon & Sturgeon Fishing within the Bounds & Limits aforesaid To have & to hold to him the said Richard Wharton his heirs & assignes for ever all the aforementioned Lands Priveledges & Premises with all benefits rights appurtenances or advantages that now do or hereafter shall or may belong unto any part or parcell of the Premises fully freely & absolutely acquitted & discharged from all former & other gifts grants bargains sales mortgages & Incumbrances whatsoever, And Wee the said Warumbee Derumkine Wihikermet Wedon-Domhegon, Neonongasset & Numbenewet do covenant & grant to & with the said Richard Wharton that we have in our selves good right & full power thus to confirm & convey the premises & that we our heirs and successors shall & will warrant & defend the said Richard Wharton his heirs & assignes for ever in the peaceable enjoyment of the Premises & every part thereof against all and every person or persons that may




legally claim any right Title Interest or Propriety in the Premises by from or under us the abovenamed Sagamores or any of our Ancestors or Predecessors, Provided nevertheless that nothing in this Deed be construed to deprive us the S<sup>d</sup> Sagamores our Successors or People from improving our antient planting grounds nor from hunting in any of the said Land being not inclosed nor from fishing for our own provision so long as no Damage shall be to the English Fishery, Provided also that nothing herein contained shall prejudice any of the English Inhabitants or Planters being at present actually possessed of any of the Premises & legally deriving right from S<sup>d</sup> Mr. Purchase &c or Ancestors. In witness hereof we the aforementioned Sagamores well understanding the Purport hereof do set to our hands & Seales at Pejepscot the seventh Day of July in the thirty fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second One Thousand Six hundred eighty four.

THE MARK OF WARUMBEE


 [His seal]

THE MARK OF DARUMKINE

 [Seal]

Sealed and Delivered In presence of

THE MARK OF WIIKERMET

 [Seal]

JOHN BLANEY


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HENRY WALTERS


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
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Upon this deed was the following indorsement:—

“Upon the day of date of the within written deed the several Sagamores whose names are subscribed thereto & inserted therein did at the Fort at Pejepscot deliver quiet and peaceable possession of the premises with livery and seizen to Mr. John Blaney and wife in their own right as she is administratrix of the estate of Thomas Purchase dec'd and in the right of his children. Also the S<sup>d</sup> Mr. Blaney Attorney to Mr. Eleasar Way did the same day deliver quiet & peaceable possession, with Livery & Seizen of the Premises to Mr. Richard Wharton, the Quantity of Seven hundred Acres of Land being excepted according to a Former Agreement.” This was signed by Henry Waters and John Parker, and sworn to July 19, 1684, before

Edward Tyng, justice of the peace. On July 21 following, Warumbee, for himself and the other sagamores who sealed and delivered the foregoing deed, acknowledged it to be his and their free and voluntary act, before the same justice. James Andrews, on July 21, 1684, and John Parker, July 9, 1684, two of the subscribing witnesses, made oath before the same justice, that they saw this deed signed, sealed, and delivered

John Parker furthermore swore, at the same time, and before the same justice, that he saw possession given, together with livery and seizin of the premises, in presence of the several witnesses before named, and further stated that upon the eleventh day of July, he with Henry Waters was present and saw Worumbo deliver possession and livery and seizin "by a turf and twig and a little water taken by himself off the land and out of the main river above Androscoggin Falls, to Richard Wharton in full compliance with the conveyance of the premises within granted and confirmed."

This deed, with the several proofs thereof and possession given thereon, were recorded in the Province (York) records, July 26, 1684.<sup>1</sup>

Wharton found his deed encumbered by prior deeds, one of which was an Indian deed, dated 1659, to John Parker, the consideration for which was "one Beaver skin received and the yearly rent of one bushel of corn and a quart of liquor, to be paid on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> of December."<sup>2</sup> It is probable that this was the same tract of land (Sebascodegan) which Wharton, in behalf of his son William, sold to John Parker on July 20, 1684.<sup>3</sup>

The fort referred to in this Worumbo deed was not, as will be noticed by the date, the one built by Governor Andross in 1689, nor Fort George, which was built still later.

In this connection, it is proper to speak of the claim of the Eaton family to the territory now comprising the town of Brunswick. According to tradition, Jacob Eaton came here from Salisbury, Massachusetts, about 1680, or earlier, with one Michael Malcom, as a trader and trapper with the Indians. They are said to have bought this tract of land of the Indians, and the family believe, and it has been thought by members of the legal profession, that there was a valid claim. There are no deeds in possession of the family, and none were found in the York County records to substantiate this claim. It is very probable, however, that there was such a purchase from the Indians, and that this was one of the "prior claims" referred to as com-

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*    <sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*    <sup>3</sup> *York County Records*, 4, p. 19.



plicating Wharton's deed. Unfortunately for the family, however, a deed from the Indians would not be valid if there was at any time a grant from the throne of England covering the same territory. Such a grant Purchase and Way undoubtedly had, and as this land came legally into the possession of Wharton, and as, at a later day, the claim of the Pejepscot proprietors was acknowledged to be valid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, there can be no question that, whatever claim the Eatons may have once had, it is now irrecoverably lost. The case would be no better if the Eaton claim should be proved to have been derived from the Kennebec or Plymouth Company.

[1691.] About the year 1691, one Nicholas Cole, who had previously settled on Harpswell Neck under a title derived from the Indians, set up his claim to possession under an old title of Harvard College. It seems that on February 7, 1682, the General Court of Massachusetts granted "Merriconeag Neck with 1,000 acres of land adjacent," to the President and Fellows of Harvard College.<sup>1</sup> The same year the same Court also granted to Richard Wharton 1,000 acres of land "in the Province of Mayne, either upon any free Island or place upon the Mayne."<sup>2</sup> The college afterwards became anxious to secure the grant which had been made in 1682, and applied to the legislature for its confirmation; the decision was, however, in favor of the Pejepscot proprietors, into whose possession the property had come. The college obtained permission to review the case, but were again defeated.<sup>3</sup>

Notwithstanding these decisions, the General Court, on May 7, 1684, granted "to the Honoured Deputy, Governour Thomas Danforth, Esq., President of the Province of Maine, and to Sumner Nowell, Esq., for their great Pains and good Service, done by order of this Court, in the expedition in several Journeys to Casco, for which no Recompense hath been made them, an Island called Shebiscodego, in Casco Bay, in the Province of Maine, Provided they take the said Island in full satisfaction for all service done, referring to the Settlement of the Province of Maine to this day."<sup>4</sup>

#### OTHER EARLY SETTLERS.

[1653.] In 1653 the General Court of New Plymouth appointed Thomas Prince a commissioner to institute a civil government in this portion of the Province of Maine. A meeting of the inhabitants was notified by Prince, to be held at the house of Thomas Ash-

<sup>1</sup> Attested Copy of Court Record in *Pejepscot Papers*.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *McKean, MSS. Lecture.*

<sup>4</sup> Attested copy of Court Record in *Pejepscot Papers*.

ley at Merrymeeting Bay, in what is now called Dresden,<sup>1</sup> on May 25, 1654.

At this meeting "Thomas Purchase of Pejepscot" was chosen "Assistant to the Government," and John Ashley, constable. Prince, also, at this meeting, administered the oath of allegiance to sixteen men.<sup>2</sup> The residence of these men was, for the most part, on the east bank of the Kennebec and on the Sagadahoc. Alexander Thwait, one of the number, was settled, according to McKeen, on the part of Merrymeeting Bay opposite Fulton's Point,<sup>3</sup> and if this was the case, he and Richard Collicutt, who lived near him soon after, must have been Mr. Purchase's nearest neighbors. Sewall,<sup>4</sup> however, locates Thwait at Winnegance.

[1658.] Thomas Haynes is thought to have settled this year at Maquoit,<sup>5</sup> where he retained land as late as 1678. His wife's name was Joyce.<sup>6</sup>

[1672.] Richard Potts was settled as early as 1672,<sup>7</sup> and probably a year or two earlier,<sup>8</sup> on what was known as New Damariscove Island. In 1673 he owned and lived upon the point which still bears his name, at the extremity of Harpswell Neck.<sup>9</sup>

The following individuals are known to have been settled about this time, certainly prior to 1700, within the limits of what was afterwards called the Pejepscot purchase: at Middle Bay, John Cleaves; on White's Island, Nicholas White; at Mair Point, James Carter, Thomas Haynes, Andrew and George Phippeny; at Maquoit Bay, John Swaine, Thomas Kimball, of Charleston, who settled on Hoeg Island in 1658,<sup>10</sup> John Sears, Thomas Wharton, Samuel Libby,<sup>11</sup> who subsequently resided in Scarborough, Henry Webb, Edward Creet (or Creek),<sup>12</sup> and Robert Jordan; on Smoking Fish Point,<sup>13</sup> Christopher Lawson, an Antinomian; at or near New Meadows, in 1675, was Alistair Coombs.<sup>14</sup>

The island of Sebascodegan was settled as early as 1639 by Francis Small and his wife Elizabeth, whose child was the first born on the island, of English parents. He was from Kittery,<sup>15</sup> and was a

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

<sup>3</sup> *Willis, History of Portland, p. 98.*

<sup>4</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>5</sup> *York County Records, 10, p. 89.*

<sup>6</sup> *York County Records, various references.*

<sup>7</sup> *York Records, 4, p. 20. Lund adjoined Thomas Haines's.*

<sup>8</sup> *What is called Ireland, McKeen.*

<sup>9</sup> *McKeen, Harpswell Banner, Oct., 1832.*

<sup>10</sup> *Maine Historical Collections, 5, p. 194.*

<sup>11</sup> *Ancient Dominions of Maine, p. 131.*

<sup>12</sup> *York County Registry of Deeds, 4, p. 20.*

<sup>13</sup> *York County Records, 2, p. 366.*

<sup>14</sup> *York County Records, 2, p. 90.*

<sup>15</sup> *Pejepscot Papers, Statement of Title.*

tenant under Colonel Shapleigh. The latter also owned Merriconeag Neck. The neck at this time had a number of settlers upon it who were all driven off by the Indians at the commencement of King Philip's War in 1675.<sup>1</sup> In 1683 Shapleigh, finding his property almost worthless on account of the Indian troubles, sold the neck and island to Richard Wharton, of Boston.

After Wharton's purchase of Sebascodegan, the Indians continued possession of the island, for the purpose of catching fish, seal, and porpoise. This prevented any further settlements there for some years.<sup>2</sup>

[1689.] In the year 1689 that portion of the Pejepscot tract adjacent to Brunswick, known as the "Gore," which formerly belonged to the town of Yarmouth, but is now a part of Freeport, began to be settled. Eight or ten families who had been driven from Eleutheria, one of the West India Islands, by the Spaniards, and who were dependent on Boston for support, came thither for a home.<sup>3</sup> The Gore was a triangular strip of land left between the southwestern boundary of Brunswick and the northeastern line of Yarmouth.

[1702.] In 1702 Benjamin Marston received possession by deed, of Thomas Potts, of Dover, New Hampshire, son of Richard Potts, of the estate at Potts's Point and the island near by, which was previously owned by Potts.<sup>4</sup> He is thought to have made a settlement there.

Among the Pejepscot Papers is the following memorandum, which, though in part a repetition of what has already been given, is inserted on account of the more particular information it conveys about certain matters. No date or authorship is given to the paper, but there is no doubt that it was made about the year 1714, by one of the Pejepscot proprietors.

"AN ACC'T OF THE EASTERN PARTS AND OF THE SEVERAL SETTLEMENTS THAT HAVE EVER BEEN MADE ON THE LANDS FORMERLY PURCHASED BY MR. WHARTON AND NOW <sup>5</sup> BOUGHT BY EIGHT OF US.

"The narrow carrying place that parts Casco Bay from Merrymeeting Bay, settled by Stevens, who has a son now at New Haven married to Parkers' daughter.

"Settlements on the Eastern side of Small Point Neck.

"Next to above s<sup>d</sup> Stevens, at the upper Whigby, or Wiskege, by Lawson owned by Ephraim Savage.

<sup>1</sup> McKeen, *Harpwell Banner*, Oct., 1832.

<sup>2</sup> McKeen, *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> McKeen, "Gleanings" in *Brunswick Telegraph*, 1859.

<sup>4</sup> *York County Records*, 10, p. 88.

<sup>5</sup> *The Pejepscot Company was formed in 1714.*



- “ William Rogers about 2 leagues lower.
- “ Thomas Watkins about a mile lower.
- “ Mr. Gooch, the minister, about a mile lower down the river.
- “ John Filman about a mile lower.
- “ Capt. Reynolds about a mile lower.
- “ John Layton at the neck just above Winegance.
- “ Mary Webber about 2 mile lower — her son goes now with Captain Bracket.
- “ William Baker about a mile lower.
- “ Sylvanus Davis, now suppose Nelson.
- “ John Parker.
- “ Thomas Humphreys.
- “ Ichabod Wiswall.
- “ John Verin.
- “ Samuel Newcomb.
- “ William Cock and John Cock within half a mile.
- “ Robert Edmunds, said to be claimed now by S<sup>r</sup> Charles Hobby.
- “ James Mudge within a quarter of a mile.
- “ Thomas Atkins, said to have bo’t the whole neck down to Small Point of Indians and to have sold their interest to the other inhabitants. Some of his heirs supposed to be now living at Roxbury or Dorchester.
- “ Ambrose Hunniwell the lowest settlement on that side, about 4 mile short of Small Point. Hunniwell that works for Captain Belcher, one of that family.
- “ On the western side of that neck only Drake who settled at Small Point harbour — lived there but a little while.
- “ On Merriconege Neck only 2 settlements.
- “ Richard Potts who lived at the lower end.
- “ John Damarell about 3 miles above him.
- “ But one settlement at Mair Point by John Phippany.
- “ But one settlement at Maqucit by Robert<sup>1</sup> Haines.
- “ Settlements between Pejepsco<sup>t</sup> & Swan Island on the north side of Merrymeeting Bay.
- “ Samuel York about 4 or 5 mile down from the Falls on the Eastern side. Living now at Squam, Cape Ann, he supposed the likeliest man to inform how far Merriconege Neck or Shapleys Island have been possessed or improved.
- “ James Thomas  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile below. He and his heirs supposed to be wholly extinct.

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<sup>1</sup> Possibly Thomas is meant.

“Williams  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile farther — only a man & his wife — had no children — supposed to be extinct.

“James Giles about 4 miles up Muddy River.

“Thomas Giles at Point on south side of Muddy River mouth. Of these families Gyles of Winnissemet Ferry and Giles the Interpreter now live at Salisbury.

“Thomas Watkins at Shildrake Point, between Muddy River and Cathance.

“Alexander Browne east side of mouth of Cathance River.

“Dependence Collicut at point of Abegedasset River claims that point — no settlement between s<sup>d</sup> Collicut & Swan Island.

“One settlement at Swan Island by Collicut, Alexander Brown and Humphrey Davis, by turns — ”

Samuel White, in 1714, produced the testimony of George Phippen and wife that his grandfather, Nicholas White, was settled at the upper end of Mair Point about forty-four years previously, and that Phippen and his wife were for several years the nearest neighbors. Two other testimonies, of persons living “on Pulpit Island or New Damariscove,” were given to the same effect. The names of these two witnesses are not recorded.<sup>1</sup>

#### ORIGIN OF THE PEJEPSCOT COMPANY.

[1693.] Richard Wharton, who had become possessed of the greater portion of the lands already mentioned, having died in England, administration *de bonis non* on his estate was granted Dec. 30, 1693, to Ephraim Savage, of Boston.

[1697.] On Oct. 26, 1697, the Superior Court at Boston authorized and empowered Savage to sell Wharton's estate in order to liquidate his debts.<sup>2</sup>

[1714.] On Nov. 5, 1714, Savage, acting in accordance with the authority above mentioned, sold the whole of the above tract of land to Thomas Hutchinson, Adam Winthrop, John Watts, David Jeffries, Stephen Minot, Oliver Noyes, and John Ruck, of Boston, Massachusetts, and John Wentworth, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for the sum of £140, to hold in fee as tenants in common. The conveyance was acknowledged the next day and was recorded in the York records on the nineteenth of the following November.<sup>3</sup>

These “tenants in common” constituted the original company of the Pejepscot proprietors. On Oct. 20, 1714, the General Court of

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*    <sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*    <sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Papers, Statement of Title.*



Massachusetts passed a resolution that it was for the public interest that some townships be laid out and settled in the eastern country, and John Wheelwright and others were appointed a committee to receive the claims of all persons claiming lands there.

[1715.] On the 18th of February, 1715, the Pejepscot proprietors made certain proposals to the above-mentioned committee:—

1. That the General Court should give confirmation to their purchase, in order that they might “be better able to encourage substantial farmers to remove with their stock from England.”

2. For the encouragement of a fishing town at Small Point.

3. That whenever twelve or more persons offered themselves for any new settlement, they should be “covered”<sup>1</sup> with such a force and for such a time as the General Court should deem necessary.

4. That those settling in the limits of the Pejepscot tract should, for the first seven years, have some assistance from the public towards the maintenance of a ministry, and should be exempted from the payment of any Province tax.

The proprietors agreed that, if the General Court would consent to the foregoing proposals, they would, on their part, agree to enter into the following arrangements:—

1. To lay out three or, if the land would admit, four plats or towns, and have them surveyed and platted that same summer, at their own cost.

2. “In seven years, if peace continues with the Indians,” they would settle “each of said towns with fifty families or more, in a defensive manner, having already offers of very considerable numbers, both in this country and from England.” And in order thereto they were willing to grant them such house-lots, in fee, and such accommodations in regard to their lands, as might induce them to settle there.

3. That they would lay out a convenient portion of land in each town, for “the subsistence of the first minister, the ministry, and a school.”

4. “Being desirous that the people might not live like heathen, without the worship of God, as had been too frequent in new settlements,” they engaged, for the more speedy procuring of a minister, and to make it easier for the inhabitants at their first settling down, that as soon as there should be twenty householders in each of the towns, who would provide a frame for, and raise a meeting-house

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<sup>1</sup> *i. e., protected.*

they would, at their own expense, furnish glass, lead, nails, iron work, and other materials, and finish the meeting-house for them, and pay towards the maintenance of an "orthodox gospel minister" in each town, the sum of £40 per annum, for five years. These proposals to the committee received the signature of all the proprietors.<sup>1</sup>

On the twenty-seventh of the following May, the committee reported favorably on these proposals, and the General Court, on the tenth of June, passed resolutions in accordance therewith. Thus this company became undoubted legal owners of the territory they had purchased.

#### STATEMENT OF THE TITLE.

The Pejepscot tract, in consequence of the varied mode of its acquisition and the uncertainty of its true bounds, became the subject of a lengthy and severe controversy between the proprietors and several other claimants, — more particularly the Kennebec Company, — which lasted until about 1814. In order to understand this controversy, as well as the decision arrived at, it becomes necessary to state the several questions involved, and to make some explanatory remarks.

It is not, however, necessary to reproduce the exact points urged by the opponents of the Pejepscot Company. The questions to be considered are evidently as follows: —

1. In regard to the validity of the original titles to the land.
2. In regard to the extent of these titles.
3. In regard to the validity of the subsequent sales and conveyances.
4. In regard to the jurisdiction.

In regard to the first, it is proper to state that the original claims to all lands in this section could only originate in one of three ways: *first*, by grant from the King of England, direct or indirect; *secondly*, by purchase from the Indians; *thirdly*, by right of occupation of unclaimed land, in other words, by the right of "squatter sovereignty."

The validity of the claims to land obtained in these three ways may be considered as strong in the order given. The right in virtue of a grant emanating from the government holding possession of the country has ever been considered indubitable, unless conflicting with some prior grant from the same source. The right in virtue of a grant from the Indians is more than doubtful, though it may, we presume, sometimes have been deemed valid in those cases where no other grant

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

existed,<sup>1</sup> and where there had been no prior sale by parties representing the same tribe, and the right either of those selling, or of the tribe they claimed to represent, was not contested. The right by virtue of occupation simply, is valid after the lapse of a certain number of years, determined by legal enactments.

In applying these principles to the different grants of the Pejepscot lands, it will be seen at once that the grant by the council of Plymouth to Purchase and Way was perfectly valid, unless it conflicted with a previous grant, by the same council, to the Kennebec Company. The evidence that a grant was issued to Purchase and Way was virtually proved. The deed of land bought by Purchase of the Indians, if any such there was, would only serve to strengthen his other claim.

The title to the lands, purchased of the Indians by Thomas, York, Gyles, and Stevens, should be considered valid, except as to any portion which might overlap the territory belonging either to Purchase and Way or to the Kennebec Company. The purchase of lands from the Indians by Nicholas Shapleigh was valid, there being no prior grant. That of Wharton from Worumbo, etc., was equally valid for the same reason, except where it conflicted with the other grants. The ground assumed by the Kennebec Company was that they owned, by virtue of their charter, all the land up and down the Kennebec River for fifteen miles upon each side, and that consequently some of the before-specified titles, being later, were null and void. They also claimed that the Pejepscot Company had not located their lands in accordance with the Worumbo deed.

The question, in regard to the boundaries of the lands granted, is the most important. The descriptions used in the old conveyances were often very indefinite. The bounds, said to have been given in the patent to Purchase and Way, are, however, sufficiently explicit as to one direction, and Purchase's deed to Massachusetts gives the bounds in the other direction. The territory granted in the sale to Nicholas Shapleigh is also clearly defined, being bounded by Purchase's possessions and by the sea. The point of the long dispute lay in the description given in the Worumbo deed. This deed included all the lands before granted. Did it include more? It could not include more on the south and east, but it undoubtedly did on the west and north.

The description reads:—

“All the aforesaid lands from the uppermost part of Androscoggin

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<sup>1</sup> *Maine Historical Collections*, 2, p. 273. *Kent's Commentaries*, 3, p. 385. *Wheaton's International Law* (Dana), p. 40, note.



falls four miles westward and so down to Maquoit," and on the other side of the river from the same falls to the Kennebec, on a line running southwest and northeast.

The principal question to be decided is as to what falls were meant. Were such terms to be used in a deed at the present day, there would be but little doubt that a point above all the falls in the river was intended. At the time of the deed, however, the river was not so well known as now, and serious doubts might justly be entertained as to whether the falls at Lewiston, Lisbon, or Brunswick were intended. If the Lewiston Falls were meant, the territory would consist of about 500,000 acres,<sup>1</sup> whereas if the falls at Brunswick were meant, the extent of territory embraced by the deed would not be one quarter so large. The opponents of the Pejepscot Company claimed that the Brunswick Falls were the ones intended. The proprietors, however, took the ground, doubtless correct, that the river below Brunswick was called the Pejepscot by both Indians and settlers, and that the lower falls were uniformly described, at that date, as the Pejepscot Falls, and consequently, that the falls referred to were those at Lewiston. The proprietors, however, came to a settlement with the Plymouth (or Kennebec) Company, on February 20, 1758, and released to them all the lands to the northward of a line drawn through the mouth of the Cathance River, and running west-northwest to the west-side line of the Plymouth claim.<sup>2</sup>

This settlement, however, proved unsatisfactory, and, June 17, 1766, the southern line of Bowdoinham and the Kennebec River were fixed upon and agreed to by the contending parties,<sup>3</sup> and on the 8th of March, 1787, the legislature of Massachusetts passed a resolution to the effect that the Twenty Mile or Lewiston Falls should be considered the uppermost falls referred to in the Worumbo deed.<sup>4</sup>

The difficulties do not seem to have terminated even then; for in the year 1800, the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, acting on the report of referees, made substantially the same decision that had been made by the legislature,<sup>5</sup> adding, however, certain stipulations in regard to the assignment of lots to settlers. The proprietors for a long time refused to abide by the terms of the decision, and the controversy was not finally settled until 1814.<sup>6</sup>

The claims of individual settlers under other titles were disposed of by confirmatory grants from the Pejepscot Company, unless their titles

<sup>1</sup> *Vide Douglass Summary*, 1748.

<sup>2</sup> *Lincoln County Registry of Deeds*, 1, p. 21.

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Records*.

<sup>4</sup> *Pejepscot Papers, Statement of Title*.

<sup>5</sup> *Pejepscot Records*.

<sup>6</sup> *Williamson, History of Maine* 2, p. 585.



were proved to be illegal and void, or to have lapsed. The territorial limits of the company, at the time of the final decision of the controversy with the Plymouth Company, embraced the present towns of Danville, Lewiston, Greene, a part of Lisbon, a part of Leeds, a part of Poland and Minot, Durham, Bowdoin, Topsham, Brunswick, and Harpswell. The territory, as previously claimed by the company, would have included Bowdoinham and Richmond in addition.

In regard to the validity of the conveyance by Wharton's administrator to the proprietors, there can, of course, be no doubt. There is also no doubt as to the jurisdiction of Massachusetts after Independence was declared. As to prior governments, it is only necessary to say, that although the jurisdiction over this part of the present State of Maine was claimed at different periods by different rulers, and went under the several names of the Province of Laconia<sup>1</sup> (1622), the Province of Lygonia (1630), the Province of Maine (Gorges-1639), and the Massachusetts Colony (1651-1677), yet the transfer of jurisdiction by Purchase to the latter gave her the strongest claim to the *Pejepscot tract*, though the fairness of her title to the Province of Maine is still a mooted question.

At this early date, however, the jurisdiction was merely nominal, there being but little actual enforcement of the laws in this portion of the Province.

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<sup>1</sup> *The grant of the Province of Laconia was rather indefinite, but as it included the lands "betwixt ye lines of West and North West conceived to pass or lead upwards from ye rivers of Sagadahock & Merrimack in ye country of New England afores'd," it must have included all of Maine west of the Kennebec, and consequently included the Pejepscot tract.*

## CHAPTER III.

## DOINGS OF THE PEJEPSCOT PROPRIETORS, AND SETTLEMENTS UNDER THEM.

UP to the time of the formation of the Pejepscot Company, in 1714, comparatively few persons had made settlements in this region, and there had been no organized efforts to induce settlers to come hither. From this time new settlers appear oftener than before, though not very rapidly at first.

[1715.] Among other projects of the proprietors to encourage immigration to their lands, they voted, at a meeting held Sept. 14, 1715, "That the present projection for laying out the Town of Brunswick in one Line of Houses be accepted and the Town laid out accordingly.

"That each Proprietor will take up a Lot and build upon it as soon as may be. That we consent to Mr. Noyes taking his Lot next Maquoit (he promising to build a Defensible House thereon next Spring). That the Meeting House shall be in the midway between the Fort & Maquoit. That the Lots for the Ministry, the First Minister & the School be the Centre Lots, and as for the other Lots, Those persons, whether Proprietors or others, that first take up the Lots & build upon them, shall take their choice. And that the Out-bounds & the plan of Topsham be likewise laid out now, three Sides of a Square, the Houses Twenty Rods distant according to the plan offered to the Generall Court."<sup>1</sup>

[1716.] The Pejepscot proprietors, some time in 1716. or perhaps 1717, bought a large tract of land extending from Abbacadasset Point up the west side of the Kennebec River, as far as the north end of Swan Island, and thence into the country for four miles. The title came from Kennebis, and Clark and Lake, but mediately through Richard Collicut and Samuel and Hannah Holman, of whom the proprietors bought.

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

The proprietors at this time had to send everything necessary for the carrying on of their operations from Boston, and we accordingly find that at their first meeting, held Feb. 21, 1716, they voted to have twenty hundred weight of screwed hay, for the use of their cattle there, sent to Brunswick by the first sloop that went; and that the other things that had been requested should be sent to their servant, James Irish.<sup>1</sup>

At a meeting of the proprietors, held Sept. 5, of this year, it was voted: (Agreeably to their previous vote of the twenty-seventh of April, granting liberty to Adam Winthrop, one of their partners, to make choice of some island, neck, or tract of land within their territory) That Swan Island should be appropriated to Winthrop as his share of their first division, and that it should be reckoned at 1,000 acres, whether it proved to be more or less; "That Mair-Point be divided into Two Lots, The Lower half part to be Lot No. 2 — The upper half to be Lot No. 3"; that the portion of land lying between Cathance River and the eastern part of Abagadasset Point, and a line running northerly from the latter, should be divided into five lots, equal in front, and that the lot nearest Cathance River should be called No. 4, and that they should be numbered from that lot, successively, Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8; that each lot should run back from Merrymeeting Bay, until it embraced 1,000 acres; that if either half part of Mair Point should fall short of 1,000 acres, the deficiency should be made up in some part of the township of Brunswick.

After the passage of the preceding votes, the proprietors proceeded to draw lots for their respective choices, with the following results:—

Lot No. 2	fell to	John Wentworth, Esq.
" 3	"	Mr. Stephen Minot.
" 4	"	Thomas Hutchinson, Esq.
" 5	"	Oliver Noyes.
" 6	"	Mr. John Ruck.
" 7	"	David Jeffries, Esq.
" 8	"	John Watts, Esq.

The above lots were called the **FIRST DIVISION**.

It was then voted that there should be eight lots laid out on Small Point Neck, etc., and that these lots should be called their **SECOND DIVISION**.<sup>2</sup>

At a meeting of the proprietors, held on the 13th of November following, it was agreed that they should give Captain Nowell a deed of

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*



five hundred acres of land within the township of Topsham, on the condition that he would build a house there and dwell there for the next five years, and that he would not leave except by consent of the proprietors, and on condition that the land allotted him should be so laid out as not to interfere with the plan of the town. As no other reference is made to Captain Nowell in the Pejepscot Papers, it is not probable that the conditions were fulfilled.

[1717.] On the third of May, 1717, Brunswick was, by vote of the General Court of Massachusetts, constituted a *township*, and the Pejepscot proprietors, with a view to the settlement of the town, "*Voted*: That all persons that shall offer themselves and be Excepted Inhabitants of the said Town And have a Lott of Land Laid out to them in S<sup>d</sup> Township of ninety five Acres as also five acres of meadow in some Convenient place They building an house on Each Lott so Taken up within one year next after their taking up the S<sup>d</sup> Lotts & Dwelling upon & improvin their Lands for the Terme of Three Yeares, And having their Said Lands Discribed & recorded in this Town Book by a Clerk Leaguallly Chosen & sworne It shall be accounted a Sure Lawfull Title of an absolute State of Inheritance in fee To them their Heirs & assignes forever, Provided nevertheless If any of y<sup>e</sup> before recited Conditions are not Complied with by the said Inhabitants according to y<sup>e</sup> True intent thereof That then y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Lotts of Land Shall be wholly forfeited to y<sup>e</sup> use of the S<sup>d</sup> Proprietors as fully as Ever here to fore any thing in this Book Recorded notwithstanding."<sup>1</sup>

At a meeting of the proprietors, June 13, 1717, Lieutenant Heath was instructed to survey and make a plot of each of the proprietor's lots. It was also voted that the township of Topsham be likewise surveyed and plotted in an oblong square, if the land would allow it, fronting on Merrymeeting Bay, so as to leave about two hundred acres, and that this town plat be laid out into fifty lots, each lot to be twenty rods wide.

It was also decided at this meeting to have a general plan of the whole territory made as soon as might be. The proprietors also desired Mr. Hutchinson to write to a friend in England for a copy of the patent to Purchase and Way, and to send it to them, well attested, as soon as possible.<sup>2</sup> The document is not on file with the Pejepscot Papers, and it is probable that it was never obtained.

At a meeting of the proprietors, June 17, 1717, it was "*Voted*, That a mile and a half upwards from Potts's Neck, and the other prongs

<sup>1</sup> *Brunswick Records, in Pejepscot Collections.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*



of Merryconeag Neck, be left on the lower end of said Merryconeag Neck, for a Town or Fishing Settlement, the rest of said Neck to be divided in eight parts equal in Front, to run across said Neck, in parallel lines, from the North West to the South East side, according to the bearing of the said land, the Lowest Lott to be No. 1.

“The Lotts being fairly drawn came out as follows, viz. : —

- No. 1. David Jeffries.
2. John Watts.
3. John Ruck.
4. Adam Winthrop.
5. John Wentworth.
6. Oliver Noyes.
7. Stephen Minott.
8. Thomas Hutchinson.”<sup>1</sup>

[1718.] At a meeting of the proprietors, held April 23, 1718, it was “*Resolved*: That whereas it will tend much to the advantage of the Settlements for each Partner to settle his Severall Lotts laid out to him, and that it may be a means of preventing Troublesome disputes, we agree, as soon as may be conveniently, to build upon our Severall Divisions and to put them under Improvement.”

[1719.] The next reference to this subject that has been found is in the proceedings of a meeting of the inhabitants and a committee of the Pejepscot proprietors, held May 8, 1719.

At this meeting a vote was passed, “That all Persons who have or Shall Take up any Lott or Lotts in Brunswick & Shall for y<sup>e</sup> space of halfe a year neglect to put Forward Building on & improving the s<sup>d</sup> Land Shall be Liable to be forever Deprived of their Lott or Lotts; By the vote of this s<sup>d</sup> Town.” The land for a town commonage was granted by the proprietors at this time, but the vote passed will be given in connection with that subject.

[1731.] In 1731 Phineas Jones was employed to survey the lands and make plans. He found Brunswick and the lands above, on both sides of the Androscoggin River, to be 480,543 acres, Merriconeag Neck to be 4,670 acres, and Sebascodogan Island to be 5,790 acres. He made his survey in the winter season with five or six assistants, protected from the Indians by a file of soldiers. They selected the winter because there were fewer Indians about, and also because, the ponds and brooks being frozen, they could travel over them. In deep snow they could use snow-shoes.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

Joseph Heath, Esquire, had been up to this time the agent and clerk of the company, but June 30, of this year, Captain Benjamin Larrabee was appointed agent, and the record book, containing the doings of the settlers, was transferred to him.<sup>1</sup> The proprietor, also, on the twelfth of July, 1737, gave John Booker, of New Meadows, the power of attorney to keep all unauthorized persons from settling upon Sebascodogan Island, or from cutting wood or timber or hay there, and to seize upon and ship to Boston any timber or wood cut there without permission, one half the proceeds to go to Booker for his services, and the other half to the proprietors.<sup>2</sup>

The proprietors at the same time gave the power of attorney to Colonel Johnson Harmon, of Merriconeag, for the purpose of keeping off intruders from the Neck.<sup>3</sup>

July 16, 1737, the proprietors gave Benjamin Larrabee full power of attorney to execute deeds to the settlers in Brunswick and Topsham.<sup>4</sup>

In a letter of instructions to Larrabee, dated two days later, the following information was given in regard to the prices of the lots, and as to his duties:—

“The first settlers were to pay but five pounds for each hundred acres—Since that, Givcen and those near him were to pay Sixteen pounds for each hundred acres—Some that have more lately taken Lotts at Brunswick Road Ten pounds for each hundred Acres, those at Topsham and New Meadows Twenty five pounds for each hundred acres—

“As fast as you can receive money for the deeds you execute we would have you apply it to discharge the debts of the propriety viz: Mr. Pearse the Carpenter and Mr. Wakefield the Glazier for Brunswick Meeting house.

“If the Lotts at Brunswick Road to Maquoit and Topsham are not all filled up or granted you may go on to grant them on as good Terms as you can for the Proprietors—not lower than Ten pounds in Brunswick and Twenty five pounds in Topsham.”<sup>5</sup>

[1739.] In June, 1739, Mr. Larrabee sent a representation to the proprietors of the difficulties the settlers labored under, in regard to paying for their lots in money, and the proprietors agreed that they might send the pay for their lots in wood or timber, to Boston, without charge.<sup>6</sup>

[1741.] At a meeting of the proprietors held at the “Sun” tav-

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.*

ern, Boston, April 22, 1741, it was voted that the following instructions be given to their partner, Henry Gibbs, to act upon while he was at Brunswick : —

“ [1.] Whereas the Lotts were laid out but 20 rods wide from Fort George to Maquoit, the inhabitants complain they are too long and narrow, therefore for Accommodation of the settlers it is now proposed that they be 30 rods wide & to be laid out on one Side of the Road and to be one hundred acres exclusive of the marsh & to be valued at Fourteen pounds p Lott.

“ [2.] Att every 10th Lott a Road of four rods wide to be laid out the whole length of said Lott if it fall out convenient. The County Road if any be laid out to be laid down on the Town plan & to be reckoned as one of said Roads and in case the Lott next said Road be more than 30 Rods wide yet to run an equal length with the rest & it be left to be appropriated as shall be Judged Most for the Interest of the Propriety.

“ [3.] The Lotts on the East side of the Road to Maquoit to be Forty Rods wide as the Land will allow because the Land is not so good & necessary roads to be on that side.

“ [4.] We are willing that a Priviledge be granted to such as will undertake to build a Grist Mill at a little stream near the Fort.”<sup>1</sup>

The stream referred to in the preceding paragraph had its source in the swamp which formerly existed where the depot is now. This swamp extended as far east as the mall, as far north as Pleasant street, and westerly beyond Union Street. The brook ran along between Union and Maine Streets, passing back of the factory store and entering the river about where the factory is now. After the swamp was filled and drained, of course the brook no longer existed.

[1750.] At a meeting of the Pejepscot proprietors, held July 9, 1750, it was voted that an advertisement should be posted upon the meeting-house at Brunswick, stating that it was the intention of the proprietors to defend the inhabitants of Brunswick and the neighboring towns in the propriety, in their possessions, and that any person who should be so imprudent as to take up land under any other title, would be prosecuted. At the same meeting it was also voted to dispose of the vacant land at New Meadows, viz., that extending from Charles Casida's lot to Wigwam Point, exclusive, for the most that it would bring, and out of the proceeds of the sale to pay the expense of finishing the meeting-house in Brunswick. The remainder was to be

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<sup>1</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.*



kept subject to the order of the proprietors.<sup>1</sup> A note at the bottom of the above entry in the records says, "Not accepted by the Town."

[1751.] On March 19th of this year, 1751, a letter was sent to the selectmen of Brunswick, by the proprietors, recommending that no one should take a title of land from the Plymouth Company, and promising them that if any of the inhabitants of Brunswick or Topsham should be molested or disturbed by that company, the proprietors would stand by them and indemnify them against the Plymouth Company's claim.<sup>2</sup>

This letter, however, seems not to have fully satisfied all the settlers, as some few did take up land under titles derived from the Plymouth Company. Learning this fact, the proprietors, at a meeting held April 15, voted, "to unite in defence of their Title to the Lands comprehended in said Township, and that an advertisement be forthwith printed, Cautioning all persons against making any Encroachment, Strip, or Waste, on any Land belonging to this Propriety, as they will answer it to the utmost perill of the Law."<sup>3</sup> In addition to this vote the proprietors, at a meeting held May 15, in order to show to all interested the exact bounds of the several lots, voted that the several deeds, or sufficient extracts from them, should be at once printed at the company's expense.<sup>4</sup>

The people of Topsham not having, at this time, the advantage of a local government, were apparently inclined to do about as they pleased, without reference to the proprietors, and some lawless acts were undoubtedly committed by them. The following letter from Belcher Noyes, the proprietors' clerk, to Adam Hunter, of Topsham, will show what some of these acts were:—

" BOSTON, May 12, 1753.

" MR. ADAM HUNTER:

" I wrote you last fall by Ste Gatchell to which have never had any answer from you, the Proposal made us by Capt. Willson is quite mean & unworthy any notice, I am sorry to hear your People have so generally combined in the old Trade of destroying the Lumber on y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors Interest this is very Abusive Treatment & convinces us you have no Regard to the Laws of God and man, for such a small frontier Settlem<sup>t</sup> to live in such an abandoned State in the open violation of all Law, will expose you to the vengeance due to such Behaviour & it will one day fall heavy on your Heads.

<sup>1</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*



“For shame then be persuaded to leave of such actions, Topsham is become the Reproach of everybody. The Donlaps & Willsons are famous in this Trade. I should be glad when you come to Boston you might come prepared w<sup>h</sup> some scheme to render your settlm<sup>t</sup> capable of a better Improvement & encourage the Increase of Inhabitants.

“I enclose you a plan Delineating y<sup>e</sup> Bounds of the Plymouth Claim & our answer to their Remarks on said Plan I pray you would peruse the same & give me your sentiments in so doing you will oblige,

“yours to serve

“B. NOYES.”<sup>1</sup>

[1757.] At a meeting of the proprietors, held May 31, 1757, Belcher Noyes was chosen clerk, and in the following June, treasurer and collector of taxes. At the meeting in June, a committee was chosen to conclude an agreement with the proprietors of the Kennebec purchase. It was also voted that the proposals from the Plymouth Company, for the accommodation of the disputes between them, should be accepted.

At a meeting of the Pejepscot proprietors, held at the Exchange tavern in Boston, on Wednesday, June 8, the subject of an agreement with the Plymouth Company was debated and decided upon.

[1758.] The deeds of the Pejepscot proprietors to the Plymouth proprietors, and of the latter to the former, were made and executed, in accordance with the above-mentioned agreement, on February 20, 1758.<sup>2</sup>

[1760.] The people of Topsham, at this time, are still at opposition with the proprietors, as appears from a letter of Belcher Noyes, their clerk, to E. Freeman, dated July 30, in which he states that there are some in Topsham who deny the title of the Pejepscot Company, the ringleaders being Captain Adam Hunter and Captain Thomas Wilson. He further states that there are “pyrates” there, who have made their living out of the proprietors by destroying the lumber, and that “none so guilty as this said Hunter who has gott an estate out of those woods.” He says also that Mr. Gibbs had sold his right to one John Merrill, of Arundell, who would go down in the fall.<sup>3</sup>

[1761.] At a meeting held Oct. 8, 1761, Enoch Freeman, Esq., was desired and empowered to have a regular plan made of the township of Topsham, and to have the lots for settling so delineated that it

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers. Records.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

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could be known what land remained undisposed of. He was to make the line between the Plymouth and Pejepscot Companies' lands the boundary of his survey, and was to have the lands plotted by a skilful surveyor, into lots of one hundred acres each, so far as the land would admit. At the same meeting, he and Belcher Noyes were empowered to dispose of the settling lots in Topsham that were not already taken up, and to apply the proceeds towards finishing the meeting-house, the frame of which was already raised. At this meeting authority was given to Belcher Noyes "to execute a Deed of the old Stone Fort, with the Buildings and Land adjacent, in the Town of Brunswick, in behalf of this Propriety, viz. The one half to Jeremiah Moulton Esq. The other half to Capt. David Dunning; they paying unto the said Belcher Noyes the sum of one hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence, lawful money, — for which sum he is to account with the Proprietors. Also, the privilege of the stream at the Falls, and its appurtenances."<sup>1</sup>

[1762.] At a meeting of the proprietors, June 2, 1762, it was voted to sell to Stephen Staples one hundred acres of land above the Cathance Mill, in Topsham, for five shillings and four pence per acre, and to apply the money towards finishing the meeting-house. It was likewise voted to sell to William Patten sixty-six acres of land situated in a gore of land on Cathance River — it being the balance of the land belonging to Cathance Mill — for whatever price could be obtained.<sup>2</sup>

In a letter from Belcher Noyes, dated October, 1762, and written to some unknown person, reference is made to the encroachments of the Plymouth Company upon the settlers at Topsham. In this letter he says: —

"The Plymouth Company have at the last session of our General Court gott a Tract of Land without Inhabitants, incorporated into a Township by the Name of Bowdoinham, the Bounds of which are enclosed. This takes off a small part of Topsham and some few families on Cathance Point, and by this means they have crowded themselves on us, contrary to their agreement. This was perfected before I knew anything of it. The People of Topsham are uneasy that their township is not laid out."

[1763.] The trouble between the settlers at Topsham and the Pejepscot proprietors has not yet been quieted. Mr. Belcher Noyes writes to Mr. Freeman that "Capt. Wilson is at the head of this Rebellion — you will find him a very troublesome fellow."<sup>3</sup> In another

<sup>1</sup> Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.

<sup>2</sup> Pejepscot Records, 1, p. 216.

<sup>3</sup> Pejepscot Papers.

letter, dated June 22, 1763, and probably to the same person, he says, referring to a meeting of the committees of the Plymouth and Pejepscot Companies to settle the dividing line between their respective territories, that the former, "in order to induce us to a compliance with their construction of the matter, produced a delusive plan taken by their surveyor, whereby the points of land called Summerset Point and Pleasant Point were so laid down as to persuade us, if they could, that they made the mouth of Cathance river." He says, moreover, that the Plymouth Company "intend to make a point of it and to force us to a compliance and by the fixing the southerly line of Bowdoinham I take it we are foreclosed and must submit to their terms." He concludes by saying that this land "we have lost absolutely by our neglect in the survey of Topsham and getting the same incorporated which has been settled 30 years ago."<sup>1</sup>

There are numerous letters from the proprietors' clerk, all complaining of the delay in completing the plan of Topsham.<sup>2</sup>

This survey was made by Stephen Gatchell, whom Noyes describes as "a poor, miserable, shuffling fellow and indebted to everyone." It was completed Oct. 28 of this year.<sup>3</sup> It took Gatchell forty-seven days to perform this work with the aid of three assistants. He charged for his work £25 1s. 4d.

The inhabitants of Topsham, having suffered long enough from the rival claims of the Plymouth and Pejepscot Companies, from taxation by the town of Brunswick, and from the want of power to control whatever turbulent element there might be amongst them, decided to apply for an Act of incorporation as a town, and accordingly a petition was this year sent to the General Court, praying for the passage of such an Act.

[1766.] On May 29, 1766, an agreement was made between the Kennebec and Pejepscot proprietors, whereby the southerly line of the township of Bowdoinham was made the line between the territory of the two companies, and as compensation for which the former proprietors granted to the latter five hundred acres of land "to be hereafter agreed upon." They also allowed one hundred and ninety acres of land in the possession of John Fulton, on Cathance Point. On June 11, it was mutually agreed that in lieu of the five hundred acres to be allowed to the Pejepscot proprietors, they should have "400 acres as laid out on Cobbasecontee Pond, in Pond Town, so called." This agreement, as amended, was duly and legally confirmed by both parties, June 17, 1766.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*



[1787.] At a meeting of the Pejepscot proprietors, held Aug. 13, 1787, Josiah Little was elected as their clerk, in place of Belcher Noyes, deceased.<sup>1</sup>

[1799.] On the 3d of May, of this year, Josiah Little, Esquire, was chosen by the Pejepscot proprietors as their agent, to take care of their undivided interest in the town of Brunswick; to prosecute any trespassers; or to dispose of any or all of the property as he should judge to be most for their interest.<sup>2</sup>

#### SETTLEMENTS UNDER THE PROPRIETORS.

The efforts made by the Pejepscot proprietors to settle their lands were, for the most part, quite successful, though the rapidity with which settlers came in varied very much at different times. Many of these earlier settlers, it is said, ran away from England, and upon their arrival in this country changed their names.

Between 1717 and 1722 forty-one persons are known to have settled in Brunswick, and there were doubtless others whose names have not been preserved. Many of these settlers, however, forfeited their lots in consequence of their non-fulfilment of the required conditions. In 1722 the fourth Indian, or Lovewell's, war commenced, and the situation of the settlers here became so disagreeable that they nearly all abandoned their homes, and it was not until about 1730 that the settlement was renewed.

Those who are known to have remained are John Minot, Andrew Dunning and his sons, William Woodside and Ebenezer Stanwood and their sons, William Simpson and David Giveen and sons, of Brunswick; and Lieutenant Eaton, John Vincent, Thomas Thorn, James Ross, John Malcom, James McFarland, William Stinson, James, Isaac, and John Hunter, of Topsham. The most of these had garrisons.<sup>3</sup>

David Giveen, mentioned above, had been living at Mair Point, but about 1727 he bought three hundred acres of land at Middle Bay of the proprietors, and moved to the latter place.<sup>4</sup>

On June 30, 1733, the proprietors granted to Benjamin Larrabee, gratis, a lot of land in Brunswick, — one hundred acres, — on certain specified conditions of improvement and tenancy.<sup>5</sup>

In September of the following year, Samuel Woodward paid Benjamin Larrabee, agent for the proprietors, £5 towards the purchase of a lot of one hundred acres, situated between Captain Woodside's land and Bungamunganeck, the conditions of the sale being that Woodward was to build a suitable dwelling-house on the lot, and clear

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>2</sup> *McKean, MSS. Lectures.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> *Pejepscot Records*, 1, p. 117.



and inhabit it by the last of the following May (1735), and to pay £13 additional, or forfeit the £5 already paid; and if there were not one hundred acres in the lot specified, it was to be made up elsewhere.<sup>1</sup>

In the year 1738 the township of Brunswick was incorporated as a body politic by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a considerable increase at once took place in the number of new settlers. On June 27, 1739, there were thirty-nine individuals who had recently come into possession of lots at New Meadows.<sup>2</sup> Whether all these persons actually lived upon their lots is unknown, but doubtless the greater number did. There were also, at this time, in other parts of the town, twenty-nine<sup>3</sup> individuals who were either new settlers or the sons of early settlers who had now become of age.

In June, 1740, the proprietors voted to give Benjamin Larrabee a lease of the lands adjacent to Fort George, and also the privilege of the salmon fishery, on such terms as might be agreed upon by the committee, to whom all such matters were referred.<sup>4</sup> Larrabee was at this time the agent of the proprietors, and probably the terms agreed upon with the committee were quite liberal. The following list of the land deeds issued by him, while agent, will prove interesting in this connection:—

MEM<sup>o</sup> OF ALL DEEDS ON RECORD MADE BY BENJAMIN LARABEE ESQ AS ATTORNEY TO THE PROP<sup>rs</sup> OF BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM.<sup>5</sup>

Names of the Persons to whom Benj. Larabee Esq atty &c. sold.		Quantity of acres sold.	The time when sold.	The consideration.
1	Nathan Adams.....	100 acres	March 9th 1737	£25 0 0
2	John Adams .....	100 "	March 9th 1737	25 0 0
3	William Malcome .....	200 "	March 6th 1737	10 0 0
4	Robert Spear .....	200 "	March 29th 1738	32 0 0
5	William Spear .....	203 "	April 11th 1738	26 0 0
6	John Malcome .....	100 "	Jany 16th 1737	5 0 0
7	John Malcome .....	100 "	Jany 16th 1737	5 0 0
8	John Gyles Esqr .....	100 "	Sept 6th 1738	5 0 0
9	Jacob Eaton .....	100 Topsham	March 24th 1739	5 0 0
10	Henry Gibbs .....	95 & 115 poles	May 20th 1740	25 0 0
11	Jonathan Sayward .....	200	June 19th 1740	{ Quit claim as an heir to Parker.
12	John Barrows.....	100	July 15th 1740	
13	John Adams .....	135	July 28th 1741	25 0 0
14	John Barrows.....	100	Octo. 16th 1741	25 0 0
15	Saml Clarke.....	200	May 19th 1742	32 0 0
16	David Given .....	100	Nov 8 1742	16 0 0
17	William Dunning.....	200	May 21st 1742	10 0 0
18	Benjamin Thompson .....	100	Nov 3d 1742	25 0 0

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

<sup>4</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.*

<sup>5</sup> *Extracted from York County Records of Deeds, etc., Jan. 9, 1749, by Daniel Moulton, Reg.*

Names of the Persons to whom Benj. Larabee Esq atty &c. sold.		Quantity of acres sold.	The time when sold.	The consid-eration.
19	James Hervey .....	103	Octo 24th 1741	£16 0 0
20	James McFarland.....	200	May 28th 1739	10 0 0
21	James McFarland .....	206	June 23d 1742	10 0 0
22	James McFarland.....	206	June 23d 1742	10 0 0
23	John Adams .....	100	Nov 3d 1742	25 0 0
24	Charles Casedy .....	100	May 7th 1742	25 0 0
25	Thomas Skolfield.....	103	May 26th 1742	25 0 0
26	Benj Bunker .....	115	Jany 12th 1740	25 0 0
27	Eben Stanwood ....	206	May 19th 1742	30 0 0
28	Isaac Snow .....	100	Nov 3d 1742	25 0 0
29	Jacob Eaton.....	100	Nov 28th 1737	25 0 0
30	Jacob Eaton.....	74 & 40 rods more or less being Lot No 9 at N. Meadows.	Nov 3d 1742	25 0 0
31	Saml Clarke Jacobs' Admr.	400	April 14th 1742	{ 56 0 0 Old tenor
32	Patrick Drummond .....	100	April 7th 1738	25 0 0
33	Benj Bunker.....	63 & 112 rods	Jany 10th 1740	25 0 0
34	Alex Tyler.....	200	Octo 20th 1740	50 0 0
35	Saml Hinkley.....	200	May 21 1742	50 0 0
36	Lemuel Gowen.....	100	Feby 25 1740	50 0 0
				£828 0 0

On July 25, 1743, William Woodside, who had lived for some time at Maquoit, received a deed from the First Church in Boston, conveyed by its deacons, of three hundred and fifty acres of land at the westernmost end of Maquoit, "beginning at mouth of Puggymuggy River." The price paid was £50.<sup>1</sup> Although there was a considerable number of settlers in the town at this time, they must have been quite scattered; for in 1747, according to the statement of Joshua Filbrook, there were but two houses to be seen from Fort George.<sup>2</sup>

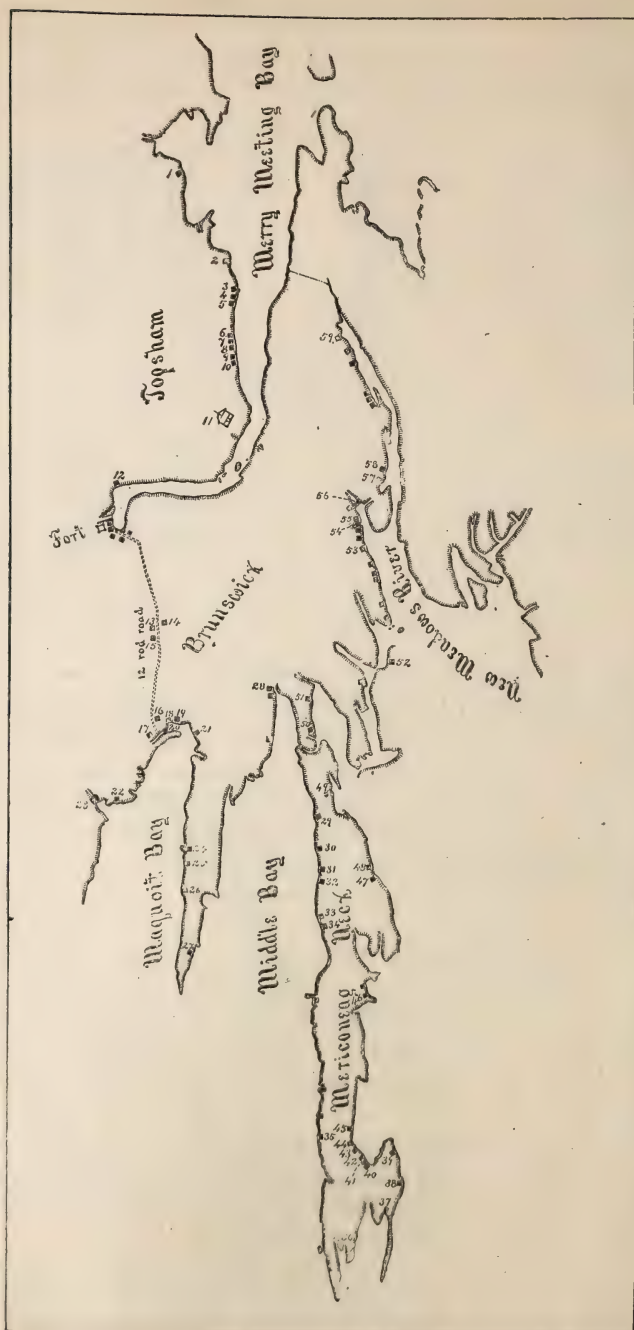
June 19, 1751, Benjamin Thompson, of Georgetown, bought of Rebecca Morely, of Dorchester, Mass., "daughter of Thomas Stephens, formerly of the eastward parts now called Stephens' Carrying place, or near a place called the Head of Stephens's River," etc., all her interest in her father's lands, "being one sixth part of his estate."<sup>3</sup>

In 1752 there were, according to a map of the Plymouth Company of that date, but twenty dwelling-houses in Brunswick. For the location of these houses the reader is referred to the accompanying map, which is reduced from the original: —

<sup>1</sup> *York County Records*, 26, p. 256.

<sup>2</sup> *Journal of James Curtis in Library of the Maine Historical Society.*

<sup>3</sup> *York County Records*, 29, p. 120.



## REFERENCES TO THE FOREGOING MAP.

*Topsham.*

1. Gowan Fulton (1749).
2. Mr. Reed.
3. Samuel Beveridge.
4. Charles Robinson.
5. William Vincent.
6. William Thoms.
7. Jacob Eaton.
8. Robert Lithgow.
9. William Malcom.
10. William Thoms, Jr.
11. Lieut. Hunter.
12. Captain Willson.

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13. Speer.
14. Meeting-house.
15. Finney.
16. James Dunning.
17. Woodside.
18. Mill.
19. Stanwood.
20. Mill.
21. Smart.
22. V. Woodside.
23. Mill.
24. Captain Minot.
25. Beverage.
26. J. Orr (1742).
27. Camp.
28. Giveen.

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29. Widow Adams.
30. McNess.
31. McGregory.
32. Willson.
33. Whelan.
34. Dyer.
35. Hays.
36. A negro.
37. Pinkham.
38. Do.
39. Widow McCraw.
40. Pinkham.
41. Webber.
42. Do.
43. Do.
44. Stover.
45. Toothaker.
46. Allen.
47. Warren.
48. Watts.
49. Mill.

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50. Starbord.
51. Skolfeld.
52. Hall (on Sebascodegan Island).
53. Snow.
54. Mill.
55. Coombs.
56. Mills.
57. Deacon Hinkley.
58. Captain Thompson.
59. Smith.

In an estate bill for this year forty-five new names are to be found, but probably many of them are those of the children of parties who had previously settled in town, while some, undoubtedly, were of those who had purchased lots of previous settlers. Some whose names appear on this bill may have resided elsewhere.

The town continued to increase in population, however, and about 1760 a number of new citizens moved in, among whom were the families of Stone, Pennell, Melcher, Harding, Weston, Gross, Curtis, and perhaps others.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*



In 1771 Robert Goddard moved into town, and Batcheldor Ring settled a little southwest of him, but also in Brunswick. The house of the latter was shortly afterwards burned, and he rebuilt a little farther west, and in the town of Durham. Owing to this fact, Brunswick lost a small portion of her territory when the line between that town and Durham was run.<sup>1</sup>

A year or two later several Quakers settled in town, near the western line. Some of them had previously been living in Harpswell. Among these new-comers were the families of Jones and Hacker.<sup>2</sup>

The first settlers on the Topsham side of the river all left their homes before the formation of the Pejepscot Company.

Between 1717 and 1722, however, thirty-three persons took up lots in Topsham, though many of them, doubtless, not fulfilling the conditions required by the proprietors, forfeited their claims. It appears from an entry made in 1717 by the proprietors' clerk, that the second island going out of Merrymeeting Bay into the Pejepscot River was deeded by Messrs. Minot and Watts to the Reverend Mr. Baxter of Medfield, Mass., and was thereafter to be known as Baxter's Island.<sup>3</sup> Three years later the proprietors granted to Mr. Baxter "the Island over against Topsham of about twentythree acres," upon condition that he would build two houses on it, and settle two families there who should be able to provide their own subsistence.

On July 30, 1720, the proprietors granted to Captain John Gyles the "First Lott of Land in the Township of Topsham, in consideration that he build a suitable dwelling house thereon and by himself or some meet person Inhabit the same for the space of three years," also "Five hundred and fifteen acres lying on Cathance Point opposite thereto." Gyles probably did not comply with the conditions, as we find that in 1741, the old title to land in Topsham derived through Thomas Gyles was brought forward, and the proprietors, therefore, on July 21, of this year, "In consideration of five shillings current money of New England, to us in hand paid by John Gyles, Esq., of a place called St. Georges, in the County of York aforesaid, and in consideration of a quit claim for lands at a place called Topsham, in the County of York aforesaid, signed by said John Gyles and his brethren, baring date the 15th of August, A. D. 1727," transferred to the Gyles's "a Point of Land containing 60 acres" in Topsham, "bounded southerly by Lott number one, easterly and Northerly by Merrymeeting

<sup>1</sup> *McKern, MSS. Lecture.*

<sup>2</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

Bay, and westerly by the entrance or mouth of Muddy river"; also, another tract of land "lying Westerly from the former, bounded southerly by Lott Number one, westerly by Cathance River, Northerly by land belonging to us, and easterly by Merrymeeting Bay and the entrance of Muddy River . . . containing 515 acres."<sup>1</sup> This latter tract of land appears to be the same as that mentioned in the former deed.

On June 30, 1721, Samuel York, of Ipswich, relinquished all title to land in Topsham claimed by his father, Samuel York, deceased, by virtue of an Indian deed, etc., the proprietors granting him three hundred acres in lieu thereof.

About 1731 quite a number of new settlers moved to Topsham. Some forty-three persons took up lots this year or a short time previous. As many of the names of these persons do not appear in subsequent lists of settlers, however, it is probable that they either forfeited or sold their lots. Between this date and 1738, some fourteen families moved into town. The proprietors about this time especially encouraged settlements in Topsham, as that place was much behind Brunswick in the number of settlers. This was because Topsham was much more exposed to the incursions of the Indians, it having but few strong garrisons.<sup>2</sup>

[1746.] In 1746 it had only thirty-six settlers, and many of these were afterwards killed by the Indians. There are not more than ten or a dozen of these whose descendants have lived in Topsham during the present century. Some of these settlers removed and settled in the neighborhood of Boston.<sup>3</sup>

[1749.] The population of Topsham at this time was "about twenty-five inhabitants."<sup>4</sup>

Owing to the attacks of the Indians during what is known as the Spanish, or Fifth Indian war, the settlement at this place became much reduced, so that in 1750 there were but eighteen families remaining.<sup>5</sup>

In 1752 the number of polls in the Topsham precinct was twenty-eight. The number of dwellings at this time can be seen by reference to the map on page 40.

In 1757 the population of Topsham had nearly doubled, the number of polls being at this time forty-nine.<sup>6</sup> The whole number taxed in town in 1758 was forty-four.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.*

<sup>4</sup> *Massachusetts Historical Collection*, 3, p. 142. <sup>5</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.* <sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*

On November 11, 1763, the following named settlers near Cathance proposed to buy of the proprietors the amount of meadow land affixed to their names, and agreed to pay six shillings per acre. The proprietors, however, limited the quantity to five acres each. This amount, it is to be presumed, they all purchased. The names and amounts desired were as follows:—

Hugh Wilson, six acres.

James Potter, Jr., eight acres.

James Mustard, five acres.

John Mallett, six acres.

Alexander Potter, six acres.

William Alexander, eight acres.

Samuel Wilson, ten acres.

On June 17, 1766, David Jeffries, of Boston, clerk to the Kennebec proprietors, and James Bowdoin, of Roxbury, Mass., a grantee of the same proprietors, deeded to John and William Potter and Gowen Fulton, all of Topsham, all of the land in Bowdoinham claimed by them under their previous deeds from the Pejepscot proprietors.<sup>1</sup>

[1768.] At a meeting of the Pejepscot proprietors, July 23, 1768, it was voted to allow John Merrill's claim to land bought of Henry Gibbs, in Topsham. The quantity of land which Merrill held was four hundred acres, which was forty acres more than the amount of his claim, and he was required to account for the overplus at a meeting held August 5; however, the proprietors gave him fifty acres in consideration of £39 due him from them.

A memorandum in the Pejepscot Records gives the dimensions of several log-houses built in Topsham, about 1738, as follows: "thirty feet long, eighteen feet wide and eight feet high."

The earliest transfer of land in Harpswell, after the formation of the Pejepscot Company, of which we have found any record, was in 1720. On May 20, of this year, Nicholas Cole and Samuel Littlefield, of Wells, deeded to Samuel Boone, of Kingston, Rhode Island, one half of Merriconeag Neck, one half of Great Chebeag Island, and one half of Great Island, being the land formerly owned by Nicholas Cole, Senior, and John Purrington.<sup>2</sup> Boone is not, however, known to have settled in Harpswell.

In the year 1727 several new families moved to Harpswell and settled upon the Neck. On the twenty-sixth of May of this year, Thomas Westbrook, one of the Pejepscot proprietors, deeded to

<sup>1</sup> *Original deed in our possession.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*



Colonel Johnson Harmon, formerly of York, one twenty-fourth part of two thousand acres of land on Merriconeag Neck.<sup>1</sup>

In October of the same year, Colonel Harmon leased of the Pejepscot proprietors, for seven years, "that farm or tract of land called Merriconeage Neck in Casco Bay, and so running up to the upper carrying place including y<sup>e</sup> whole breadth of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> neck." The proprietors, however, retained the right to settle one or more families on the Neck, without opposition from Harmon.<sup>2</sup>

The authorities of Harvard College, however, though defeated in their appeal to the legislature, as stated in the preceding chapter, had not given up their claim to the land, and in January, 1732, they instituted a suit of ejectment against Harmon, in the Court of Common Pleas of the County of York. In October, 1733, a verdict was rendered in favor of Harmon. The plaintiffs appealed the case to the Superior Court, which was held in 1737, and it was eventually decided again in favor of Harmon, or rather of the proprietors from whom he leased. Having been four times defeated, Harvard College made no further attempt to recover this property.<sup>3</sup>

In Dec. 21, 1741, Colonel Harmon deeded all the foregoing land (excepting fifty acres which he had previously sold to John Stover) to his son, Joseph Harmon, of York, together with his dwelling-house, barn, and all other buildings and appurtenances. The price paid was £70 in bills of credit.<sup>4</sup>

On May 17, 1731, Moses Gatchell leased of the Pejepscot proprietors, for two years, the land on Merriconeag Neck, between the Carrying-Place and the land then occupied by Colonel Harmon.<sup>5</sup>

At the same date Gideon Conner, then residing on the Neck, leased of the proprietors, for two years, a tract of land having the same bounds as Gatchell's,<sup>6</sup> and it is probable that the two men leased the land together, but each was held by a separate lease. It is possible, however, that Conner was the "Irish Neighbour" referred to in the following letter:—

“MERECONAEG June 25, 1731.

Hon<sup>d</sup>: Colo<sup>ll</sup> sr: I am still in your posession on y<sup>e</sup>: upor end of y<sup>e</sup> neck but I have there an Irish Neighbour which pretends to hold pos<sup>n</sup>: for mr. Porenton by a Leas under his hand as I am sr in yours by Colo<sup>ll</sup> Westbrook And I hope by your cosent: I am Redy and will<sup>n</sup> to sarve your intrust: and desier your Counsel and asistance from time to time: and sr if you will plesse to send me  $\frac{1}{2}$  Barrel of Molases

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*



and one Sythe you will greatly oblige me: and I will indever to pay you y<sup>e</sup> next faul who am yours to Cd

“MOSES GATCHEL.”<sup>1</sup>

There had been but two houses at the upper part of Merriconeag Neck previous to 1741, as will be seen by the following testimony:—

“Hannah Smith Testifyeth & Saith y<sup>t</sup> she with her late Husband James Smith lived at y<sup>e</sup> upper end of Mereconege Neck where her late Husband & her Father Moses Gatchel Built a House & lived there from June 1731 to 1735 at which Coll Westbrook told us y<sup>t</sup> if we liked any place on said Neck better we might Remove to it upon which my late Husband [Smith] & Father [Gatchel] Removed about 1½ mile loer down on s<sup>d</sup> neck & Built a House there where we lived till 1741, as Tennants to S<sup>d</sup> Westbrook & Comp<sup>y</sup> & Built Houses in both Places & further that when her Father Gatchell Removed from the upper House on S<sup>d</sup> neck he Lett it to Nath<sup>n</sup> Barnes who lived there 2½ years from 1735 & paid my Father Rent for the Same for S<sup>d</sup> Westbrook & Comp<sup>y</sup> the S<sup>d</sup> Barnes Removing away to Topsham left s<sup>d</sup> House in the Possession of W<sup>m</sup> McNess for y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Westbrook & Comp<sup>y</sup>— and no persons whatsoever lived on the upper half of S<sup>d</sup> Neck but my Father & My Husband & owre Familys while we lived there & there was no sign of any other habitation nor improvement but where we first lived.”<sup>2</sup>

The proprietors, notwithstanding their devotion to the interests of the settlers, were men who knew how to look out for their own physical wants and how to enjoy good living. It appears that on the 8th of August, 1733, the proprietors leased to William Cady and his associates, for seven years, the “island called Sebasco Deggin,” with liberty to use and occupy it; and they also agreed to deliver to Cady the frame of a house, then in the possession of Colonel Harmon, and to furnish Cady with four thousand feet of boards, and with nails sufficient for finishing the house, which Cady was to set up and finish. The proprietors reserved to themselves the right of “improving any mine or mineral,” which might be discovered on the island, and also the right “to settle a fishery there,” or to make other settlements there, which should not, however, interfere with the improvements of Cady and his associates.

Cady agreed to erect and finish, forthwith, at least one dwelling-house on the island, and occupy it before the next winter, and that before the next summer he would settle, at least, three other families

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

besides his own on the island, and keep off all intruders from settling without leave, in writing, from the proprietors, and from cutting wood or grass there. He further agreed to clear the fresh meadows, and to clear and break up and bring to tillage and English grass as much of the land upon the island as he and his associates could (the proprietors finding grass-seed), and to endeavor to raise a nursery of fruit trees and an orchard; and as an annual rental he agreed to pay to Adam Winthrop, or his heirs in Boston, "for the use of him and the rest of the Lessors *twenty good fat geese*, or in failure thereof £5 per annum, in bills of credit on this Province."<sup>1</sup> Although his name is not mentioned in this deed, there is little doubt that William Condry was one of Cady's "associates," as a blank form of a deed in the Pejepscot papers mentions Condry's name in connection with that of Cady. The harbor known as "Cundy's" was undoubtedly named for William Condry.

It will be noticed that this lease reserves the right to the proprietors to allow other settlers on the island. And in 1737 or 1738 some twenty families were settled there.

An attempt was made to re-settle the island for the purpose of building a fishing-town. Mr. Nathaniel Donnel, of York, selected a spot which was to be divided into small lots of an acre each, for the convenience of dwelling-houses, with a convenient harbor adjacent. The project was abandoned on account of the increased hostility of the Indians. The harbor referred to was probably Condry's, as the land on the western shore of that harbor is well calculated for the site of a village.<sup>2</sup>

Dec. 23, 1742, Joseph and Clement Orr, of Pemaquid, turners by trade, bought of Henry Gibbs, of Boston, a tract of land at the northerly end of Merriconeag Neck, containing one hundred and twenty-two acres.<sup>3</sup> The next day they received from the same party another tract of sixty-nine acres near the former,<sup>4</sup> and the "southeast prong" of Merriconeag Neck, containing, by estimation, two hundred acres.<sup>5</sup>

In 1743 Richard Jaques, of North Yarmouth, bought one hundred acres of land, on Little Sebascodegin (Orr's) Island.<sup>6</sup>

He is believed, therefore, to have been the first purchaser of land on this island, though tradition has it that a man by the name of Fitzgerald was the first occupant of the island. What disposition he

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*.

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, in Harpswell Banner*.

<sup>3</sup> *York County Records*, 26, p. 261.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, 26 p., 202.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, 28, p. 99.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, 25, p. 112.

made of this property is unknown, but the whole island afterwards came into the possession of Honorable William Tailer, of Dorchester, Mass., and of Honorable Elisha Cook, of Boston, whose heirs sold it in 1748 to Joseph Orr.<sup>1</sup> Joseph Orr had previously been living on Merriconeag Neck, but after he purchased the island he, with his brother Clement and sons, moved on to it and erected a garrison-house. The island has since gone by his name.

In his purchase of half of the island from the heirs of William Tailer, Orr did not secure the signature to his deed of one of the daughters, the wife of Reverend Matthew Byles, of Boston, who accordingly put in her claim to a share. In consequence of this claim, on July 22, 1760, Orr set off and released to her one tenth part of the island, and received a quitclaim of the remainder.<sup>2</sup> On October 16th of this year, Joseph Orr deeded the whole of his property on this island to his brother Clement as a life estate, and to his heirs after him. In case of the death of Clement's heirs it was to revert to the heirs of Joseph.<sup>3</sup>

In 1755 there were on Sebascodogan Island, sixteen persons, and on Merriconeag Neck, six persons, who, living north of the Yarmouth line, were taxed in Brunswick.

The number of settlers in these three towns, during the first half of the last century, is so large as to prevent a mention of their names in this connection, and a list of these settlers is therefore given in the Appendix. The doings of the proprietors, which are not given in this, will be found in their appropriate connection in other chapters.

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<sup>1</sup> *York County Records*, 35, pp. 31, 32.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 232.

<sup>3</sup> *Original deed, in possession of S. Purinton.*



## CHAPTER IV.

## PERIOD OF THE INDIAN WARS, 1675-1760.

IN the earliest years of the Pejepscot settlement the whites were few in number, and although they oftentimes, doubtless, excited the jealousy and even the personal animosity of the natives, still, on the whole, they conducted themselves with sufficient caution to prevent any outbreak. For a few years previous to 1675 the ill-feeling and jealousy on the part of the Indians had been increasing and was particularly directed against Thomas Purchase, who was thought by them to have charged unfair prices, and otherwise to have overreached them in trade. The custom of the English at this time was, as is said by an early writer, "first to make them [the Indians], or suffer them to make themselves, drunk with liquors, and then to trade with them, when they may easily be cheated both in what they bring to trade, and in the liquor itself, being one half or more nothing but spring water, which made one of the Androscoggin Indians once complain that he had given an hundred pound for water drawn out of Mr. P. his well." <sup>1</sup>

## KING PHILIP'S WAR. 1675-1678.

The animosity of the natives culminated in an outbreak in 1675. The war commenced in the Plymouth Colony, June 24, 1675. By September the fourth or fifth, hostilities commenced at Pejepscot. On that day, a party of about twenty Indians went to Purchase's house and pretended to his wife that they wished to trade. Discovering, however, that her husband and son were both absent, they gave up all further disguise, and proceeded to rob the house. They took what weapons, powder, and liquor they could find, ripped up the featherbeds for the sake of the ticking, killed a calf and several sheep, and proceeded to make merry. Purchase's son returned home while this was going on, and being discovered by the party, was obliged to

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<sup>1</sup> *Drake, Hubbard's Indian Wars*, p. 256.

flee for his life. He was followed for some distance by an Indian with a gun, but succeeded in making good his escape. The party offered no violence to any one in the house, but told them that "others would soon come and treat them worse." Some few days later, a party of twenty-five settlers, having collected for the purpose, went in a sloop and two boats to the New Meadows River, near to the house of Mr. Purchase, to gather and secure the growing crops, and also to reconnoitre. Here they found a number of Indians pillaging the neighboring houses. In attempting to get between the Indians and the woods, they came upon three of their spies. One of these, attempting to reach the river, they shot. The second was wounded, but escaped across a stream to a canoe. The third escaped and gave the alarm. The Indians, however, remained concealed until the corn was all gathered and the boats loaded, when they suddenly gave their war-whoop, rushed upon them, wounded several, and carried off the boat-loads of corn in triumph.<sup>1</sup> Some time the next year Purchase's house was burned and he was compelled to leave.<sup>2</sup>

The war now having fairly opened, the settlers were all obliged to flee, and the Indians, emboldened by their success, "sought trophies for the tomahawk and scalping-knife in every direction, at the door of every plantation" throughout the Province of Maine.

The Androscoggin Indians were the most active of all the tribes, and it was thought, in 1676, that if a treaty could be effected with them there would be a general peace with the Eastern tribes.<sup>3</sup> This could not be accomplished this year, however, and so the General Court, in 1677, ordered Majors Waldron and Frost, with one hundred and fifty men, sixty of whom were Natick Indians, to the Kennebec, with instructions "to subdue the Indians in those parts, and deliver the English captives detained in their hands."

The force landed at Mair Point, Feb. 18, 1677. They were immediately hailed by an Indian party, among whom were Squando and Simon, "the Yankee-killer." After some preliminary questions, Waldron inquired of Simon whether they desired peace. The latter answered, "Yes, and we sent Mugg to Boston for that purpose; he told us you'd be here." Upon being asked if they would release their English captives, Squando replied, "I will bring them in the afternoon." Nothing further was seen of them, however, until the

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<sup>1</sup> Williamson, *History of Maine*, 1, p. 520 et seq.

<sup>2</sup> *Maine Historical Collection*, 3, p. 315.

<sup>3</sup> Drake, *Book of Indians*, 3, p. 104.

next day at noon, when fourteen canoes were seen up the bay, pulling for the shore, and soon a house was seen in flames, and the Indians appeared and challenged Waldron's soldiers to fight. Major Frost then attacked them and killed and wounded several. Another parley was then held. On being asked why they had not brought their captives, as they had agreed to do, and why they had fired the house and challenged the soldiers, the Indians replied, through their interpreter, that "the captives were a great way off, and that the snow and cold weather had prevented their coming, that the house took fire by accident, and that the soldiers fired at the Indians first." Major Waldron, finding himself unable to recover the captives or to fight the Indians with advantage, sailed for the Sagadahock.<sup>1</sup>

This was the last engagement of this war that occurred in this vicinity, though peace was not declared until April 12, 1678. Although in the first three months alone of this war, eighty persons were slain between the Piscataqua and the Kennebec, it is not known that any of the settlers in the Pejepscot tract were killed.

#### KING WILLIAM'S WAR. 1688-1699.

The peace concluded with the Indians in 1678 lasted just ten years, when, from various causes, they became excited and again took the war-path. Governor Andros was at first inclined to adopt pacificatory measures, but at last, finding war inevitable, he took the opposite course, and in November, 1688, he made an expedition into the Eastern country, as it was then called, and established garrisons. At the time of his visit to Pejepscot, "the weather was exceedingly cold, the snow deep, and the travelling exceedingly tedious." While here he caused a fort to be erected under the charge of Anthony Brockhold, one of his counsel,<sup>2</sup> and garrisoned it with a part of his army.<sup>3</sup> This fort stood on what is now Maine Street, a few rods south of Bow Street, and about where the store of J. T. Adams & Co. is now.

The first attack in this vicinity was in the spring of 1690, when the fort was taken by the savages. In September, Colonel Benjamin Church was sent from Massachusetts with between three hundred and four hundred men, to drive them off from Brunswick and other places in this region, and, if possible, recover their captives. He landed his force at Maquoit, Sept. 13, and marched them by night towards Fort Andros. They surrounded the fort, but at daybreak it was discovered that the enemy had left shortly before their arrival. The soldiers

<sup>1</sup> *Williamson, History of Maine*, 1, pp. 545, 546.

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

<sup>3</sup> *Williamson, History of Maine*, 1, p. 590.



found some plunder and a barn of corn. They left the same day for an Indian fort on the Androscoggin. After capturing the latter and releasing several prisoners, they returned to Maquoit, went aboard their vessels, and sailed for Winter Harbor.<sup>1</sup>

Church had no conflict with the Indians at Brunswick as stated by Cotton Mather, the contest referred to having occurred at Cape Elizabeth.<sup>2</sup>

In September, 1691, Captains King, Sherburne, March, and Walton landed, with their several companies of Massachusetts militia, at Maquoit and visited Fort Andros, expecting to find some Indians there. They found none, however, and accordingly returned immediately to Maquoit. While re-embarking, they were assaulted by a strong force of Indians who had been watching them. In this skirmish Captain Sherburne, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was killed.<sup>3</sup>

The war lasted some eight years longer, but there was no further skirmishing in this vicinity. Probably the settlers had all left. A conference between the commissioners from Massachusetts and the sagamores of the Penobscot, Kennebec, Androscoggin, and Saco tribes was held at Mair Point, and a previous treaty of peace, which had been made at Pemaquid, Aug. 11, 1693, was ratified between them on Jan. 7, 1699. This treaty quieted the fears of the settlers and encouraged those who were engaged in the resettlement of Maine.

#### QUEEN ANNE'S WAR. 1703-1713.

Peace with the Indians lasted only about four years. In 1703 the third Indian war commenced. Although during this war engagements and skirmishes were quite frequent in the vicinity and to the westward of Falmouth, there is no evidence that there was any contest in this vicinity. The statement made by the late John McKeen,<sup>4</sup> that there was an attempt to undermine the fort here, in 1702, by a Frenchman named Bobazier and five hundred Indians, is an error. The fort referred to was at Casco, the present city of Portland.<sup>5</sup>

In 1704 some companies from Massachusetts and New Hampshire went East, "Indian hunting," as it was termed, and one Peter Rogers, of Newbury, stated that he came to Pejepscot in a company of some twenty or thirty. That it was in the winter time, and that they trav-

<sup>1</sup> Dexter, *Church's Expeditions against the Eastern Indians*, pp. 50 to 56.

<sup>2</sup> McKeen, *Manuscript Lecture*.

<sup>3</sup> Williamson, *History of Maine*, 1, p. 628.

<sup>4</sup> *Pejepscot Papers* McKeen, MSS. Lecture.

<sup>5</sup> Penhallow, p. 20. Willis's *History of Portland*, p. 315.

elled with snow-shoes from there to Rocamoco,<sup>1</sup> or Jay Point, now Canton. No mention is made of his meeting with either settlers or savages.

#### LOVEWELL'S WAR. 1722-1725.

Although during Queen Anne's war there is not known to have been any conflict in this vicinity, yet the whole Province was in such a disturbed state on account of the Indian troubles that the Pejepscot proprietors, in 1715, felt it necessary to offer the following.

#### ENCOURAGEMENTS TO ENLIST.

"Wee the Subscribers Proprietors of the Lands in Brunswick & Topsham, do offer the following encouragements to such as shall Voluntarily enlist themselves as Souldiers to garrison the Fort at Brunswick.

"1 That immediately upon their enlistment, they shall enter into Pay & Subsistence.

"2. That the Military Service expected from them at present is like to be so small as to permit them, besides their wages, to earn money by Labour.

"3. That during the time of the Forts Repair, we will employ them all as Labourers, (except the Warders), & pay Two Shillings a day for every day they work.

"4. That afterwards we will endeavour to find employment for them. by splitting staves, shingles or clapboards or any other Service that may prove beneficiall to us & them.

"5. That when they have served six months as Souldiers if they desire to become Inhabitants, we will endeavour to obtain a General Order from His Ex<sup>y</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> to release them, they finding another man in their room, & when so dismiss they shall have One hundred Acres of Land granted to each of them equall with the other Inhabitants & on the same Terms & conditions with them.

"6. If they don't see cause to settle there, when they have served twelve months, we will use our endeavour to obtain His Ex<sup>y</sup> Favour to get them discharged, which we hope we shall be able to accomplish.

*"Approved by the Governour  
& Signed by several of the  
Proprietors.*

"Boston, Aug. 3d, 1715."

The proprietors, at a meeting held the thirtieth of the same month, voted to provide a free passage in a sloop to Brunswick and Topsham to the enlisted soldiers.

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<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, Manuscript Lecture.*

The fourth Indian, called the Three Years' or Lovewell's War, commenced in this vicinity, June 13, 1722, by a party of sixty Indians in twenty canoes appearing at Merrymeeting Bay, on the north side, perhaps near Pleasant Point or Fulton's Point. They captured nine entire families, but released all except five men, — Hamilton, Hanson, Trescott, Love, and Edgar, — whom they detained as hostages for the safe return of the four Indians in the hands of the English at Boston.<sup>1</sup>

In June or July of this year, they made an attack upon the settlement at Brunswick, which they set fire to and entirely destroyed. Several citizens were also taken prisoners. Mr. David Dunning and another soldier were on the plains at the time, and when about where the First Parish Meeting-House now is, their attention was arrested by an unusual noise. They looked among the bushes and discovered a large number of Indians about the house of Thomas Tregoweth, and just moving away towards the fort. Mr. Dunning went to his home at Maquoit, but the soldier ran towards the fort, giving the alarm as he went. He was fired at, but escaped. Some of the citizens who were captured were cruelly murdered, and the houses were rifled and burned. In regard to the fate of Thomas Tregoweth nothing is definitely known.<sup>2</sup>

After their work of destruction was accomplished the Indians repaired to a dwelling on Fish-House Hill<sup>3</sup> for purposes of revelry. They were soon dislodged, however, put to flight, and the house partially destroyed by a chain-shot from the cannon in the fort. This fort was not Fort Andros, but a stone fort named Fort George, which was built in 1715 by the Pejepscot proprietors, and which stood quite near the site of the former. The Indians took their boats and went with their captives to Pleasant Point.

Captain Gyles sent Samuel Eaton, with a letter done up in his hair and covered with an eel-skin, to let Colonel John Harmon, who was stationed at Arrowsick, know of the attack, and that the Indians were on their way to Pleasant Point.<sup>4</sup> Harmon, discovering the village to be on fire, concluded that the Indians had made an attack upon it, and at once, before the message from the fort had reached him, manned two whale-boats, and, accompanied by Major Moody, proceeded with muffled oars up the river. It was night when he entered Merrymeeting Bay. Perceiving the fires of the Indians upon Pleasant Point, he carefully approached and noiselessly landed.

<sup>1</sup> *Williamson, History of Maine*, 2, p. 114.

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

<sup>3</sup> *On Water Street, near the present residence of Miss Narcissa Stone.*

<sup>4</sup> *McKeen, Manuscript Lecture.*



Ascending the banks, he found a large number of Indians lying before their fires, all sleeping very soundly, being much fatigued by the labors of the day and their subsequent revelry. His men immediately arranged themselves, fired into them, and killed sixteen or eighteen, and took some prisoners, though some, doubtless, escaped. A few of the Indians, who were some little distance off, alarmed by the report of fire-arms, fired at them, but without doing any harm.

Harmon, on his return to his boats, found the body of Moses Eaton, of Salisbury, Mass., whom the Indians had first tortured by depriving him of his tongue and cutting off his arms and legs, and had then killed. As no one of the party was shot at the time of the attack, Eaton must have been taken captive while separated from his comrades. His body was buried near the spot.<sup>1</sup>

An account of this affair has been preserved in doggerel rhyme. Harmon is represented on the bank of the river, watching the Indians sleeping before their fires. It is introduced here as a specimen of the literature of the times:—

“Oh, the sweet and pleasant morning  
While we around them stood,  
But oh! the dreadful and grievous groaning,  
Englishmen lying in their blood.  
‘Come,’ said valiant Colonel Harmon,  
‘This, their neglect, is our gain;  
Therefore let us fall upon them, —  
Our cause is good we will maintain.’  
Then on them we fired two volleys,  
And, with haste, we made away.  
For fear the Indians would surround us,  
And we should not get away.  
Some did say that we did kill thirty,  
Others say that we did kill more;  
The number to us is uncertain,  
I believe we hardly killed a score.”<sup>2</sup>

This attack upon the settlement at Brunswick is supposed to have been specially in retaliation for that upon Norridgewock, the preceding year, by Colonel Westbrook.<sup>3</sup>

Early in August, 1724, “Captains Harmon, Moulton, Brown, and Bean were now preparing for Norridgewock, with two hundred men

<sup>1</sup> Williamson, *History of Maine*, 2, p. 116. According to McKern (*Pejepscot Papers*), Moses Eaton was son of Samuel Eaton, of Brunswick, who then lived about where the Boardin Hotel is now.

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*.

<sup>3</sup> *Maine Historical Collections*, 3, p. 311.

in seventeen whale-boats. After they landed at Triconnick, they met with Bomazeen at Brunswick (who had slain an Englishman some days before), whom they shot in the river, as he attempted to make an escape. They afterwards killed his daughter, and took his wife captive; who gave an account of the state of the enemy, which encouraged them to march on<sup>1</sup> briskly."

No further fighting is known to have occurred in this vicinity until 1725. On April 13th of that year two Indians captured a man belonging to the garrison at Maquoit, named James Cochran, about eighteen years of age. He was on the marshes in pursuit of fowl when he was surprised by the two Indians. He was pinioned, taken to the carrying-place, put in a canoe, and carried up to the Ten-Mile Falls. There the Indians made their arrangements for the night. A fire was made and supper prepared. Cochran expected all this time that he would be killed when the savages met some of their companions, and determined, in consequence, to make his escape, if possible. The second night his bonds were removed, and he was placed between the two Indians to sleep. Each of the savages slept with his hatchet under his head and his gun by his side. Cochran feigned sleep, while in reality he watched every movement. As soon as he found his captors asleep he rose up. This movement awakened one of them, who, seeing their prisoner apparently suffering from cold and endeavoring to warm himself, went to sleep again. When all was again quiet, Cochran took the hatchet from under the head of the one who had waked, and killed him instantly. He killed the other as he was getting up. He then scalped them both, took their guns and hatchets, and went down the river in great haste, fearing lest he should meet their companions. In fording a river on the way, he lost a gun and one of the scalps. When he arrived opposite the fort, he shouted, and a boat was sent across for him. He narrated his adventure to Captain Gyles, and some men were sent up the river, who found the bodies of the dead Indians, and also their canoe which they brought back.<sup>2</sup> He was both rewarded for his bravery and promoted in his rank.

At this time, Captain John Gyles was in command of the fort, which was crowded with the inhabitants who had gone to it for safety. This war was closed by the ratification of a treaty between the Indians and commissioners on behalf of the government, August 6, 1726.

<sup>1</sup> *i. e.*, to Norridgewock. *Penhallow's Indian Wars*, p. 102. Query: Bomazeen Island is east of Gurnet Bridge. May not Bomazeen have been killed there and the name applied to the island in consequence? — EDS.

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture. Penhallow's Indian Wars*, p. 109.

## SPANISH OR FIFTH INDIAN WAR. 1745-1749.

The fifth war with the Indians grew out of the war between Great Britain, France, and Spain, which commenced about 1739, although the formal declaration of it was not made until June, 1744. In anticipation of this war, and in expectation that the Indians would take part in it, the forts along the coast were put in order and garrisoned.

In 1740 the commanding officer of Fort George was furnished with a quantity of goods, of suitable kinds, sufficient to supply the Indians who commonly resorted there. This was done to attach them to the interests of the government.<sup>1</sup> So much reliance was placed upon this method of dealing with the Indians, that in 1742 the government refused to strengthen it at all,<sup>2</sup> and in 1743 only six men were sent to this fort. In 1744 block houses were built in Brunswick and Tops- ham, "all of massive timber," and a regiment, consisting of 1,290 men, was organized and placed under the command of Colonel Samuel Waldo, of Falmouth. The proportion of Brunswick and Topsham men in this regiment was fifty. Another regiment was also organized, from the towns west of Falmouth, under the command of Colonel William Pepperell, of Kittery. These soldiers were all, however, discharged December 2d, except one hundred men from the latter regiment, who were formed into eight guards and stationed between Berwick and St. George. Fourteen men scouted from New Marblehead to Brunswick, and ten from Topsham to Richmond fort. There was a block house with a company of soldiers at Maquoit, under command of Captain William Woodside. There were also storehouses and other buildings there.<sup>3</sup>

In 1745 a call was made for men to serve in the expedition to Louisburg. This expedition was very popular in this vicinity, and many persons enlisted, including some of the principal and most promising young men in each of the towns. From twenty-five to thirty men went from Brunswick, as many more from Harpswell, and a number from Topsham. It is said that in Brunswick a day of fasting and prayer was held before any soldiers enlisted, so unwilling were the people to allow their own capability of defence against the Indians to be weakened. The Harpswell forces were commanded by Richard Jaques, the same who shot Sebastian Rale at Norridgewock.

During the continuance of the Louisburg campaign, the settlers were continually alarmed for their own safety, and were calling upon the government to send a military force hither from the West. The

<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, 1740, p. 481.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 1742, p. 416.

<sup>3</sup> *McKeen*.



glad tidings that Louisburg was reduced was received with great joy, and the return of the volunteers, who nearly all came back, was hailed with the utmost enthusiasm.<sup>1</sup>

The first outbreak of the Indians in this war occurred at Saint George and Damariscotta, July 19, 1745.<sup>2</sup>

July 30 of this year, a man and a boy, at Topsham, were surprised by the Indians, who knocked them down and beat them with clubs. The man was killed and the boy was scalped and left for dead.<sup>3</sup> About this same time, a mounted man and his horse were shot at New Meadows.<sup>4</sup>

This was not, however, the first blood shed in this vicinity, as three years previously Alexander McFarland was killed by the Indians while crossing the Androscoggin River. This was, however, an isolated case and may have been due to personal animosity. About the time of the Topsham and New Meadows massacres, Captain Mochus was scouting<sup>5</sup> with his company between Brunswick and Falmouth, and Captain John Gatchell was scouting north of Brunswick. The following is a copy of the Journal of the latter:—

“1747/8 JOURNAL OF A MARCH UP THE KENNEBECK RIVER BY CAPT. JOHN GATCHELL OF BRUNSWICK.

“7 Mett this day at Brunswick took allowance of Provision & ammunition but no Rum marcht 6 mile & lodged at Topsham.

“8 Marcht across Merrymeeting Bay 8 Mile & then up Kennebeck River 4 mile to Richmond Fort & bought some Rum to carry with us then lay down & slept.

“9 Took Mr Call to pilott us to a pond Marcht N. N. West abt 12 Mile & came to a pond about 4 mile long hardly a mile wide the Pond lays N. E. & S. W. a River came & went out both at one end of y<sup>e</sup> pond, went up the River that came into y<sup>e</sup> pond a mile & campt, sent out 2 men about a mile round then sett out our Sentries & lay down & slept:

“10 Marcht up said River 3 mile abt N. W., went one mile N. E. then one mile N by E & came to a small pond about a mile & half long & half a mile wide—Went still by y<sup>e</sup> River 2 mile N W. then went N. 2 mile & came to a pair of Falls that had an Indian Ware made w<sup>h</sup> stones to catch fish—went up the River 6 mile about N &

<sup>1</sup> Pejepscot Papers. McKeen, MSS. Lecture.

<sup>2</sup> Williamson, *History of Maine*, 2, pp. 215 to 236.

<sup>3</sup> Drake, *French and Indian Wars*, p. 80. If this lad was Thomas Thorn, he afterwards recovered.—Eds.

<sup>4</sup> Smith's *Journal*, p. 40.

<sup>5</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, 1745, p. 40.

came to a large Pond, went 2 mile on the Pond & campt on an Island Sent out 3 men 2 mile round, sett out our Sentries & then lay down & slept.<sup>1</sup>

“ 11 Marcht across y<sup>e</sup> pond 3 mile N. by E. this pond is about 10 or 12 mile long & about 2 or 3 mile wide & has near 20 Islands in it — it lays N. E. & S W. Went four mile N. by E. & came to a pond about 3 mile long & half a mile wide & trackt some Moose Went N 2 mile & came to a meadow, Went 4 mile N & came to a long meadow then marcht about 4 mile N by W & campt Sent out 2 men that went 2 mile round, sett out our Sentries then lay Down & slept.

“ 12 Went up a high hill & sent a man up a tree that he see a pond about five mile off, it bore from us E. N. E. went 3 mile N & came to a pond & a Small River that run N. E. We went N E 2 mile on said River & came to a large pond, it appeared to be 4 mile to y<sup>e</sup> South End of y<sup>e</sup> pond, we went N. up y<sup>e</sup> pond 6 mile & came to a narrow place & a small Island in y<sup>e</sup> narrows N N E up to y<sup>e</sup> head of the pond ab<sup>t</sup> 5 mile then went into y<sup>e</sup> woods N. a mile & camp<sup>t</sup>, sent out 3 men about 2 mile round then lay down & slept — it snowed —

“ 13 Rise This Morning, it being Sabbath day & the Trees very full of Snow we Marcht none only sent some men out on Discovery, they went about 4 mile to a high mountain & went up & see a pond that appeared to be very large it lay east from our Camp, & they see another pond y<sup>t</sup> lay North from y<sup>t</sup> large pond. it appeared to be about 4 or 5 mile long they returned to y<sup>e</sup> Camp and at night we sett out our Sentry, then lay down & slept.

“ 14 Marcht this morning ab<sup>t</sup> 2 mile & came to that large pond that we see a Sabbath day, this pond appeared to be about 15 mile long & about 4 mile wide & lay N<sup>o</sup> & S<sup>o</sup>, it has about 28 Islands in it went about 12 mile South down y<sup>e</sup> pond then went into the woods S. W. & came to a Small River that vented out of that long pond that we went up on Saturday, Went down y<sup>e</sup> small River about three mile South & came to a pair of Falls that had 3 Indian Wares made w<sup>h</sup> stones went still down y<sup>e</sup> River it run to y<sup>e</sup> eastward 4 mile & campt, sett out our Sentries lay down & slept.

“ 15 Went down y<sup>e</sup> River 5 mile & crost y<sup>e</sup> River on y<sup>e</sup> Ice the River run Easterly went down the River 6 mile & came to another large pond<sup>2</sup> ab<sup>t</sup> 10 mile long & 2 mile wide it lay N. E. & S W<sup>t</sup>, we crost y<sup>e</sup> pond at y<sup>e</sup> S W<sup>t</sup> end then March<sup>t</sup> S W 8 mile & came to Ken-

<sup>1</sup> These ponds appear to be the Winthrop chain.

<sup>2</sup> Snow's Pond in Sidney.

nebeck River, went down y<sup>e</sup> River a mile & Campt sett out our Sentries, and lay down & slept.<sup>1</sup>

“ 16 It snowed but we went down the River in y<sup>e</sup> Storm 8 mile & came to where y<sup>e</sup> Tide flows,<sup>2</sup> went still down y<sup>e</sup> River 20 mile & came to Richmond Fort lay Down & slept.

“ 17 Marcht down said River to Merrymeeting Bay & some of the Men gott home.

“ 18 this day the Remainder of our Men gott home.

signed

“ JONATHAN PHILBROOK, *Clerk.*”<sup>3</sup>

April 23, 1747, Smith writes in his journal, “ A scout of men are now out from North Yarmouth, another going out from Purpooduc. We are in the most distressed circumstances, Swarms of Indians being about the Frontier, and no soldiers save Captain Jordan’s company of fifty men, thirty of whom have been for some time at Topsham guarding the government timber.”

May 5, of this year, the Indians shot Mr. Seth Hinkley, near the garrison of Joseph Smith and Tobias Ham, at New Meadows. They were tanners, and Hinkley had been there to get a strap for a cow-bell.<sup>4</sup> The following letter, from Isaac Hinkley, gives a rather more detailed account: —<sup>5</sup>

“ BRUNSWICK, May y<sup>e</sup> 6, 1747.

“ LOVEING BROTHER AND SISTER.

“ I hope that these few lines will find you in good health as we that are alive through the tender mercys of God.

“ God has taken away by his providence our brother Seth by the Indians May y<sup>e</sup> 5 day. thay kiled him about 8 o’clock in the four-noon and scalped him and stript of all his cloes save only his briches and stockens. thay carid away his gon. thare was three men gest back behind a hill in a swamp near a gainst him when he was kiled and thay heard the gons when the Indians fiard at him and one of them said thay have shot sombody and presently after heard a Larm at Smiths and then thay ran out to Smiths and when thay came thare thay said that Seth was kiled and thay went whare thay heard the gons and found him Liing in the path thay shot about 33 fete at him. The night before the Indians ambush Mr. Ham. 11 of us went to see if we culd find them but we culd not find them. one our and ahalf after thay ware sen to go over merremeting bay into Cathance river.

<sup>1</sup> Below Waterville. <sup>2</sup> Augusta. <sup>3</sup> Pejepscot Papers. <sup>4</sup> McKeen, MSS. Lecture.

<sup>5</sup> Copied from the original in possession of H. W. Bryant, Esq., Portland.



“ The Lord has maid a breach upon us and by taking away our brother from us the Lord has be reved father and mother of thare son and us of our brother. yeat thaey and we must say with Job the Lord gaive and the Lord hath taken away Blessed be the name of the Lord.

“ Sister reliance is brought abaed and has lost hur child but she is like to do weal but she has bin near to the gates of death but through the tender mearcies of God she is like to do well.

“ So I remain your loving brother

“ ISAAC HINKLEY.

“ TO MR. SAMUEL SCAMMON Saco.”<sup>1</sup>

Four days subsequently the Indians fired upon a canoe, containing four persons, as it was coming up through the narrows below Cow Island. The boat contained Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt, William Potter, and William Thorn, a soldier in Topsham, under Captain William Burns. Moffitt and Potter were killed. Thorn had his arm shot off. Mrs. Moffitt succeeded, with some assistance from Thorn, in paddling the canoe to the Brunswick side of the river, and thus enabled them both to escape.<sup>2</sup> Thorn asked for aid from the General Court, and on May 31, 1748, twelve pounds were allowed him.

August 19th a man was wounded somewhere in Brunswick, and a boy taken prisoner. In the early part of September four men were killed and scalped in a corn-field, in Topsham, only about twenty rods from the garrison, by twelve Indians. Probably one of these was Richard Crain, said to have been killed August 27th. One of the men had seven bullets shot through his body.<sup>3</sup> In the same magazine from which the above extracts were taken occurs the following account:—

“ BOSTON, Nov. 16.

“ We are informed by Capt Woodside, that on the fifth Instant towards Evening, a Lad about 16 Years old, going out of Brunswick Fort at the Eastward, saw eleven Men dressed with Coats and Hats coming towards him, which he took for Englishmen, till they came up to him, when he found them to be Indians, one of which seized him as his Prisoner, which the Lads Father observing from the Fort, discharged his Gun (loaded with Swan-Shot) at the Indian and wounded him, upon which he immediately quitted the Lad, who ran towards the Fort, but was unfortunately shot down by the other Indians. The

<sup>1</sup> *Scammon married Mehitable Hinkley.*

<sup>2</sup> *Williamson, Smith, McKeen, et als. Massachusetts Records. Vol. 73, pp. 163, 164.*

<sup>3</sup> *Historical Magazine, Vols. 9 and 10. Extracts from New York Gazette, dated Sept. 14, 1747.*

People of the Garrison got the Lad into the Fort alive, but he died of his Wounds soon after: He said the Indian that took him was mortally wounded by his Father's Shot, one of which struck him (the Boy) in the Ball of his Hand."

In 1748 the Indians made their appearance rather earlier than usual, — on the last of April. A company of soldiers kept open communication between Fort George and Maquoit. They were, however, frequently annoyed by the Indians, who lay in ambush. On their first appearance this spring, a number of them hid in the bushes on the west side of Mair Brook and fired upon Captain Burns as he was crossing the brook with a file of men. They killed him and a Mr. Bragg, and captured a Mr. Werburn, whom they took to Canada. A day or two afterwards a boy of Doctor Spear's was watering a horse at a well near the house, when he was fired at, and he and the horse were both killed.<sup>1</sup>

May 3d of this same year, Captain Burnell and one other were killed at Brunswick, and on another occasion Lieutenant Mackburn was killed at the place called "Spawell."<sup>2</sup>

Although during the winter of 1748 there were some prospects of a peace, and the Indians were comparatively quiet, yet troops were kept in service for the defence of the Eastern inhabitants, and twelve men were left to garrison Fort George. A treaty of peace was concluded October 16, 1749.

Although the war was now declared at an end, yet the Indians had been too much excited to remain perfectly quiet, and fresh outbreaks and massacres occasionally occurred.

Early in the year 1750 a woman on the old "Skipper Malecom" place in Topsham had died. She was to have been buried one afternoon in March, and a new grave was dug. At the time appointed the house was filled with neighbors. The burial services had closed, and the procession formed for the march to the grave, when a snow-squall came up and prevented the burial, which was deferred until the next day. The storm was the severest that had been known for many years, and lasted four days. No interment could take place until the fifth day. Some three years afterwards it was ascertained that a large party of Indians, who had been making an unsuccessful foray upon the settlements around Yarmouth, were making their way north, toward the Chaudiere River, when they learned, from a prisoner whom they had captured at Flying Point, that a funeral was to take place on

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<sup>1</sup> *Smith's Journal*, p. 133.

<sup>2</sup> *Spawell was near Mair Brook. Pejepscot Papers.*

the afternoon of the next day, at the graveyard near the upper part of Merrymeeting Bay. They resolved to ambush the procession and massacre the whole settlement at one blow. They waited for the funeral procession the whole afternoon and the first night. The storm saved the settlers, but nearly destroyed the Indians, who suffered severely.<sup>1</sup>

In July, 1751, the Indians came upon a party of seven settlers who were getting in their hay at New Meadows. These men were at work on the side of the hill north of the railroad at Harding's Station, on the farm now occupied by Mr. Chapin Weston. The Indians, discovering that the party were some way from their guns, ran and cut off their retreat. This party of farmers consisted of Edmund, Isaac, and Gideon Hinkley; Deacon Samuel Whitney and his son Samuel, who was only a boy; Hezekiah Purington and Samuel Lumbers. Isaac Hinkley was killed while attempting to escape. He fell in the gully at the lower part of the field, south of the railroad track, and his body was not found until the next spring. The rest were all taken prisoners and carried to Canada, where they suffered many hardships.

They were afterwards exchanged and returned home. The government provided for their families during their captivity.<sup>2</sup>

The following memorial to the General Court, of one of the captives, will be read with interest in this connection:—

“TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup> SPENCER PIPPS, ESQ LT. GOV<sup>R</sup> & COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
FOR THE TIME BEING. THE HON<sup>BLE</sup> HIS MAJESTYS COUNCILL & HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT DECEMBER 4, 1751.

THE MEMORIAL OF SAMUEL WHITNEY OF BRUNSWICK

HUMBLY SHEWETH

“That your Memorialist & his Son Samuel, with five more of the Inhabitants, While at work together mowing their Hay, on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 24 day of July last about two o'clock in the afternoon were surrounded & surprised by nineteen Indians & one Frenchman, who were all armed, & in an hostile manner did seize upon & by Force of Arms, obliged them to submitt their Lives into their hands, and one of our said number, viz. Isaac Hinkley in attempting to make his escape was killed in a barbarous Manner & Scalped. After we were secured

<sup>1</sup> The foregoing tradition is from the diary of the late James McKeen, M. D., of Topsam.

<sup>2</sup> Pejepscot Papers.



by said Indians, they destroyed and wounded between 20 & 30 head of Cattle belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants, some of which were the property of your Memorialist. The said party of Indians were nine of them of Norridgewalk Tribe, one of whom was well known, the other were Canada Indians. That the Norridgewalk Indians appeared more forward for killing all the Captives but were prevented by the other Indians.

“ Your memorialist was by them Carried to Canada & there sold for 126 Livres — And the said Indians when they came to Canada were new clothed & had New Guns given them with plenty of Provisions as an encouragement for this exploit. That the Gov<sup>r</sup> of the Penobscot Tribe was present when your memorialist was sent for to sing a Chorus, as is their custom of using their captives. & manifested equal Joy w<sup>h</sup> the other Indians, that took them. And the Norridgewalk Tribe had removed from Norridgewalk & were now sett down on Canada River near Quebec, supposed to be drawn there by the Influence of the French. These things your memorialist cannott omitt observing to y<sup>r</sup> Honours, and his Redemption was purchased by one Mr. Peter Littlefield formerly taken a captive & now resident among them, to whom your memorialist stands indebted for said 126 Livres being the price of his Liberty, which when he had so far obtained, he applied to y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of Canada for a Pass, who readily granted it, that his Return to Boston was by way of Louisbourg, when said Pass. was taken from him by the lord Intendant, on some Pretence which he could not obtain of him again.

“ Your memorialists son yet remaining in Captivity among the Indians with three more that were taken at y<sup>e</sup> same time, and he has a wife and 8 children under difficult circumstances by reason of this misfortune.

“ Your memorialist having thus represented his unhappy sufferings to this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Court humbly recommends his Case to the Compassion of this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Court hoping they will in their great Goodness provide for y<sup>e</sup> Redemption of his Son & enable him to answer his obligation to said Mr. Littlefield, who was so kind to pay for his Ransom. Your memorialist being in no Capacity to answer that Charge as thereby he is reduced to great poverty otherwise grant him that Relief as in their Wisdom & Goodness shall seem best —

“ Your memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

“ SAMUEL WHITNEY.”

On the back of this paper is the following indorsement: —

## "1751. CAPTIVES TAKEN.

"Hez. Purington } returned.  
 Sam'll Whitney }  
 Edm<sup>d</sup> Hinkley  
 • Gideon Hinkley  
 Samuel Lombard  
 Samuel Whitney Jun<sup>r</sup> returned.  
 Isaac Hinkley killed.

"July 24th 1751."<sup>1</sup>

There is a tradition that the friends of young Hinkley, supposing that he was carried off by the Indians, did not search for him. Early in the spring of the following year, it was noticed that a dog, which had belonged to Hinkley, went every day to the gully where he fell. The dog was followed and the remains were thus discovered, but they had been so long exposed to the weather and to the ravages of wild beasts that they were in such a condition as to be unrecognizable by dress or features, and it was only by a peculiar string found in one of the shoes that the remains were identified.

## FRENCH, OR SIXTH INDIAN WAR. 1754-1760.

When the last of the series of Indian wars commenced, in 1754, the government of Massachusetts deemed it unnecessary to retain Fort George any longer, but voted the sum of £470 towards building a fort at the Ten-Mile Falls instead, and for other military purposes.<sup>2</sup> This action, so far as the fort was concerned, was premature.

Early this year, Adam Hunter, of Topsham, received a commission as captain, with authority to raise an independent company. The following is a copy of the commission:—

## "PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

"WILLIAM SHIRLEY ESQ., CAPTAIN-GENERAL AND GOVERNOR-IN-CHIEF  
 [I. S.] IN & OVER HIS MAJESTY'S PROVINCE OF Y<sup>e</sup> MASSACHUSETTS BAY  
 IN NEW ENGLAND &C.

"TO ADAM HUNTER, GENTLEMAN, *Greeting* :

"By virtue of y<sup>e</sup> power & authority, in & by his Majesty's Royal Commission to me granted to be Captain General, &c., over this his Majesty's Province of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Bay aforesaid; I do (by these

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, 1754, p. 325.

presents) reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage, and good conduct, constitute & appoint you to be a Captain of an Independent company of fifteen volunteers forthwith to be raised in y<sup>e</sup> town of Topsham & parts adjacent in y<sup>e</sup> County of York; for marching upon any sudden alarm to y<sup>e</sup> relief & protection of any neighbouring English Fort or settlement (mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> instructions herewith s[ent]) which shall be attacked or molested by Indians; & for cutting off their retreat.

“You are therefore carefully & diligently to discharge y<sup>e</sup> duty of a captain in leading, ordering & exercising said Company in Arms, both inferiour officers and soldiers, & to keep them in good order & discipline; hereby commanding them to obey you as their captain — & yourself to observe & follow such orders & instructions, as you shall from time to time receive from me, or y<sup>e</sup> commander in chief for y<sup>e</sup> time being, or other your superiour officers for his Majesty’s service, according to military rules & discipline, pursuant to y<sup>e</sup> trust reposed in you.

“Given under my hand & seal at arms at Boston, the fourth day of March, in y<sup>e</sup> twenty seventh year of y<sup>e</sup> Reign of his Majesty King George y<sup>e</sup> Second, Annoq : Domini, 1754.”

[Signed]

W. SHIRLEY.

By His Excellency’s  
Command.

[Signed] J. WILLARD *Sec’y.*<sup>1</sup>

Hostilities commenced in this vicinity, May 9, 1756. On that day a party of Indians assembled on the high lands of Topsham, concerted their plans, and agreed to meet there on their return. They divided into two parties. One party was to go to Flying Point, and the other to Maquoit, Middle Bay, and New Meadows. The second party skulked about Maquoit for a while and then went to Middle Bay, where they looked into the house of John Giveen, who, with his wife, had gone to meeting at Harpswell. In the afternoon, while the Indians lay concealed in the bushes at Smith’s Brook, three men — Abijah Young, and John and Richard Starbird, who were on their return from meeting at New Meadows — passed by. These men belonged, probably, to Captain Samuel Goodwin’s company, which scouted between Fort George and Maquoit.<sup>2</sup> They were well armed. The Indians darted from their concealment and fired at them. In

<sup>1</sup> Copied from the original, Sept. 23, 1833, by Lithgow Hunter, of Topsham.

<sup>2</sup> Pejepscot Papers.



their surprise and fright, the men dropped their guns and ran. Young was wounded and carried off a prisoner.

The other party of Indians appeared Sunday, at daylight, at the house of Thomas Means, at Flying Point, in what is now Freeport. This was a fortified house and the doors were securely fastened. The Indians, however, battered it open by means of a log and thus effected an entrance. Thomas Martin, the father of Captain Matthew, was asleep in his chamber, and being so suddenly aroused was unable to find his gun, and consequently remained in concealment. One of the children concealed herself in the ash-hole. This daughter, Alice, afterwards married Mr. Clement Skolfield, eldest son of Thomas, and was the mother of Captain George Skolfield. Mr. Means, his wife, child, and wife's sister, Miss Molly Finney, were taken out of the house. Mr. Means was held by the arms between two stalwart Indians, while a third one shot him through the breast and scalped him. While this was being done, Mrs. Means, with a child in her arms, ran into the house, closed the door, and placed a chest against it. The Indians, on their return to the house, finding the door refastened, pointed a gun through a hole and fired at her. The ball passed through her breast, killing the infant in her arms. They succeeded in getting into the house again, and while they were in the entry, Martin, who had found his gun, fired down through his chamber-floor and wounded one of them. This frightened them off and they left the place, taking with them the wounded Indian and Miss Finney, who was heard crying loudly for rescue. She was carried off in her night-clothes. When they got to the hill in Topsham they were met by the second party, who had Young a prisoner. The latter advised Miss Finney to seize the first blanket she could. She succeeded in getting and retaining one. The subsequent adventures of this lady, though interesting, are not so exciting as what has been related.

The Indians took their prisoners through the wilderness to Quebec. Here Miss Finney was sold to a farmer and put to work in the field. The farmer, not satisfied with her work there, afterwards put her in his kitchen. While here, she attracted the attentions of a Frenchman. Her master, in consequence, being displeased, used to lock her in her chamber when she was not at work. Not many months after this, Captain McClellan, of Falmouth, was at Quebec with a cartel of exchange. Having been formerly acquainted with Miss Finney, he sought after and finally found her. A time and mode of escape were agreed upon. At the time fixed he went to her window and threw her a rope. She let herself down, escaped to his vessel, and after a

fair voyage arrived at Portland. She afterwards married the man who had been so instrumental to her release.<sup>1</sup> Young obtained his liberty in about a year, but died in Halifax of the small-pox.<sup>2</sup>

In 1756 a garrison was built in Topsham and the defence of it was given to Captain Lithgow.<sup>3</sup> On May 18, 1757, a party of seventeen Indians waylaid Captain Lithgow and a party of eight men, at Topsham, and had a short but sharp engagement with them. Two of Lithgow's party were wounded and two of the Indians were killed.<sup>4</sup> Disheartened at the result, the savages withdrew, taking with them the dead bodies of their companions. They afterwards, however, as they went up the river, took their revenge by killing two white men.<sup>5</sup>

Shortly after this event John Malcom and Daniel Eaton were going to Maquoit for salt hay, or were returning with some, when they were waylaid by some Indians. Malcom escaped, but Eaton received a bullet in his wrist, was captured, and was carried to Canada, where he remained about a year. He was the son of Moses Eaton who was killed at Pleasant Point in 1722.<sup>6</sup> According to another account, he was the son of Samuel Eaton, of Salisbury, Mass.<sup>7</sup> Eaton was captured by the famous Indian chief, Sabattis, who sold him for four dollars. The only food they had to eat, on their way to Canada, was a partridge which Sabattis shot, and of which he gave Eaton all the better part, reserving for himself only the *head* and *entrails*, which he ate with apparent relish. Years after (about 1800), Sabattis passed through Brunswick, and while there entered the store of John Perry, which was on the site of the store now occupied by Barton Jordan. Quite a crowd of villagers collected to see the old chief, and Dean Swift, then a lad of eight years, was sent to inform Daniel Eaton, who was then an old man, that Sabattis was in the store. Eaton, who was at work piling shingles for Colonel William Stanwood in what is now the yard of the estate of the late A. C. Robbins, Esquire, came to the store, and was at once recognized by Sabattis, who seemed to be really glad to see him. At the request of some of those in the store, Eaton drew up his sleeve to show the buckshot in his arm, which were fired by Sabattis at the time of Eaton's capture. Sabattis looked at the arm with reluctance, saying, "That long time ago; war time too."

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<sup>1</sup> McKeen, MSS. Lecture. *Massachusetts Historical Collections*, 4 Ser. Vol. 5, p. 415.

<sup>2</sup> Williamson, *History of Maine*, 2, p. 320.

<sup>3</sup> Sewall, *Ancient Dominions of Maine*, p. 306.

<sup>4</sup> Williamson, *History of Maine*, 2, p. 325.

<sup>5</sup> Sewall, *Ancient Dominions of Maine*, p. 308.

<sup>6</sup> Pejepscot Papers.

<sup>7</sup> McKeen, MSS. Lecture.

After a short but friendly chat with Eaton, Sabattis shook hands and left the store and went on his way.<sup>1</sup>

Although a treaty of peace was not made until the spring of 1760, yet the war had virtually ceased at this time, and accordingly the fort was dismantled, and on Dec. 19, 1758, was leased by the proprietors, to whom it had reverted.

These Indian wars occupied a period of nearly eighty-five years, and during nearly all this time the settlers were accustomed, at every alarm, to congregate in the fort at Brunswick or the block house at Maquoit, though towards the close many were in garrisons in other parts of the town and in Topsham. At times these defences were so crowded that temporary booths and camps were made outside of, but near to them. There were but few garrisons in Harpswell, as from its local situation it was not subject to assaults by the Indians.<sup>2</sup>

There were a few other cases of massacres and violence on the part of the Indians, besides those which have been related, but accounts of them are, for the most part, entirely traditional and indefinite, both as to dates and localities, and often as to the individuals concerned in them.

An account of the manners and customs of life at this period belongs to another chapter, but one tradition is here given to show the expedients to which those in the fort, during the raids of the Indians, were often obliged to resort. It is said that at one time, when the inhabitants were obliged to seek refuge in Fort George, they had no neighbors nearer than at Bath, then called "The Reach." This place was distant fifteen miles by water, which was the only safe way of communicating between the two posts. In Fort George was a dog which had been taught to carry letters and which would take one to Bath in about two hours' time. On arriving there he would howl until he gained admission to the fort at that place, and would receive an answer, which he would as speedily fetch back to Brunswick. At last he was killed by an Indian. The garrisons were now deprived of this means of communication. An active and zealous youth undertook, however, to take the place of the four-footed messenger. "I," said he, "will carry your messages by water." For two successive summers this brave youth went between the two posts, swimming a great part of the way. He went chiefly in the night-time, resting by day in the rushes that grew around the shores of Merrymeeting Bay. At

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<sup>1</sup> *Reminiscences of Dean Swift.*

<sup>2</sup> *Memoranda of Rev. Samuel Eaton, in Pejepscot Papers.*



length he was captured by the Indians and carried to Canada. From the latter country he soon, however, made his escape, and returned to Fort George, where he soon "resumed his swimming mail route." He was afterwards captured a second time by the famous Indian chief, Sabattis. What further became of him is unknown.<sup>1</sup>

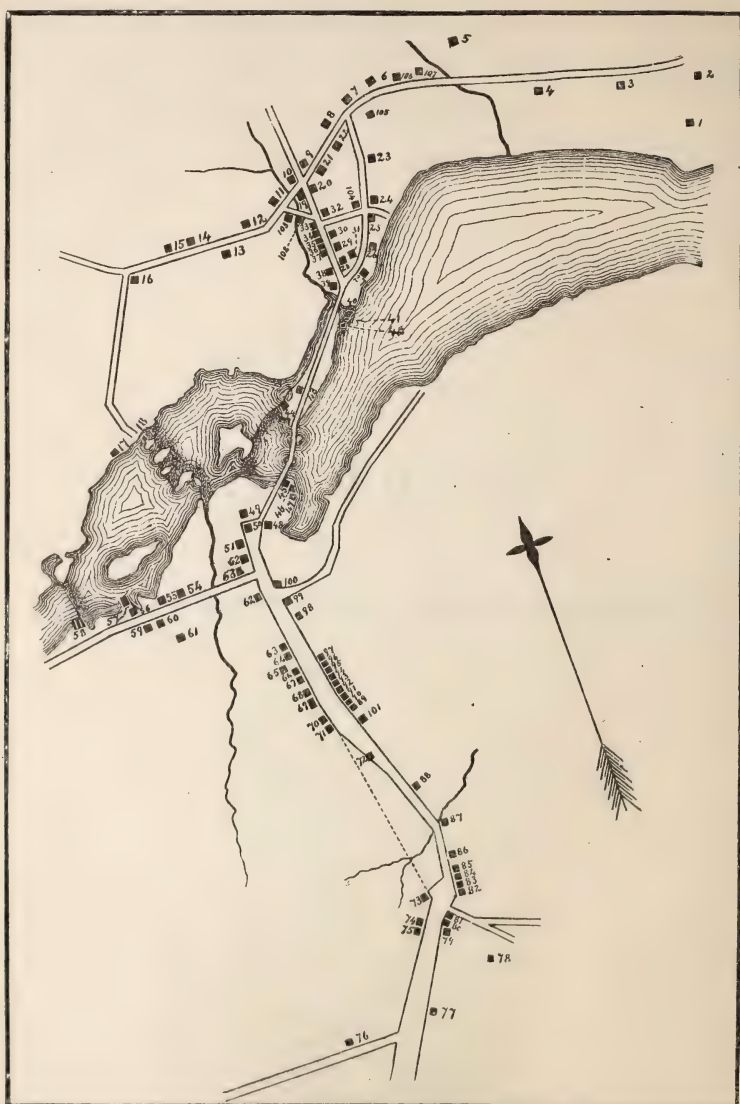
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<sup>1</sup>Putnam, *Description of Brunswick, Me.*, by a gentleman from South Carolina, p. 32.

## PART II.

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TOPOGRAPHICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE.



Map of Brunswick and Topsham Villages in 1802.



# REFERENCES TO THE FOREGOING MAP.

1. Mrs Hinkley.
2. James Purinton.
3. Humphrey Thompson.
4. Capt. Nathl. Melcher.
5. Dr. Benj. J. Porter. (Residence.)
6. Luther Kimball. (Cabinet-maker's shop )
7. School-house.
8. Blacksmith's shop.
9. James Stone.
10. James Stone. (Store.)
11. Dr. Porter.
12. Hugh Wilson.
13. John Hern.
14. Eben Ferrin.
15. John Haley.
16. Joseph Haley.
17. Lawrence Humphreys.
18. Saw mill.
19. Shoemaker's shop.
20. Gideon Walker.
21. Joseph Swett.
22. Stephen Bradford.
23. Jairus Fuller.
24. Obed Burnham. (Pump and block-maker's shop.)
25. James Blanchard. (Store.)
26. Ezra Smith.
27. Larrabee & Emery. (Dwelling.)
28. Humphrey Purinton.
29. Store.
30. Store.
31. Isaac Johnson.
32. Larrabee & Emery. (Hatters.)
33. Porter & King (Store )
34. Henry Wilson. (Store.)
35. James Cushman. (Store.)
36. Francis Tucker. (Inn.)
37. Blacksmith's shop.
38. David Flagg.
39. Shoemaker's shop.
40. Hodge mill.
41. Granny Hole mill.
42. Grist mill and fulling mill.
43. James Thompson.
44. Saw mill.
45. Grist mill.
46. Saw mill.
47. Saw mill.
48. Waldron.
49. Ruins of Fort George.
50. Jere Moulton.
51. Cutting Noyes.
52. Store.
53. Daniel & Jotham Stone. (Store.)
54. Amos Lunt.
55. John Brown.
56. Bisbee's shop.
57. Grist mill.
58. 2 saw mills and grist mill.
59. Mr. Bisbee.
60. Thos Pool.
61. John Dunlap's mansion
62. Trueworthy Kilgore.
63. Store.
64. Capt. Richard Tappan.
65. Store-house.
66. Major Swift.
67. William Owen.
68. Law office.
69. P. O. Alden.
70. John Dunning.
71. John Swartkin & Caleb Cushing's store.
72. School-house.
73. Robert D.-Dunning.
74. Charles Ryan.
75. Store.
76. Samuel Stanwood.
77. President's House (being built).
78. Massachusetts Hall.
79. Inn.
80. Col. Estabrook's bakery.
81. Timothy Weymouth.
82. Barn
83. Cabinet shop.
84. Shimuel Owen
85. Col. Thomas Estabrook.
86. Rev. Ebenezer Coffin.

87. Mr. Heath.
88. Mr. Brooks.
89. Aaron Melcher.
90. Dr. Charles Coffin.
91. Ebenezer Nichols.
92. John Perry's store.
93. Samuel Emerson.
94. Store and office.
95. John Perry.
96. Store.
97. Col. Stanwood.

98. Store.
99. Daniel Coombs.
100. James Carey.
101. Caleb Cushing.
102. Eli Cox. (Pottery.)
103. Eli Cox.
104. Noah Tobey.
105. James Wilson.
106. Mr. Carr. (Tailor.)
107. Court House.

## CHAPTER I.

### BOUNDARIES AND NOTABLE FEATURES.

THE territory now covered by the towns of Topsham, Brunswick, and Harpswell, forming an extensive portion of the old Pejepscot purchase, is situated between Casco and Merrymeeting Bays, and on both sides of the Androscoggin River. The railroad station at Brunswick is distant from Portland twenty-nine miles, from Bath, nine miles, from Augusta, thirty-three miles, and from Lewiston, eighteen miles. Its latitude is  $43^{\circ} 54' 37''$  N., and its longitude  $69^{\circ} 57' 26''$  W. from Greenwich.

TOPSHAM, the most northerly of the three towns, is bounded on the north by Bowdoin and Bowdoinham; on the east by Merrymeeting Bay; on the south by Brunswick; on the west by Brunswick and Durham; and on the northwest by Lisbon. Its area is about 22,600 acres.

BRUNSWICK is bounded on the north by Topsham, from which it is separated by the Androscoggin River; on the east by the New Meadows River, which divides it from Bath and West Bath; on the south by Casco Bay and the town of Harpswell; on the southwest by Freeport; and on the northwest by Durham. It has an area of about 28,200 acres.

HARPSWELL is bounded on the north by Brunswick; on the east by the New Meadows River; and on the south and west by Casco Bay. It consists of a peninsula called Harpswell, or Merriconeag, Neck, which extends southwest from Brunswick into Casco Bay, and of the following islands: Sebascodegan, or Great Island, Orr's, Bailey's, and Haskell's Islands, with Whaleboat Island, Birch Island, and several smaller ones. The area of the Neck is 4,570 acres, and that of Great Island 5,790 acres, according to the measurement made in 1731, by Phinehas Jones, a surveyor.<sup>1</sup> The whole town probably contains above 12,000 acres.

Through the Pejepscot region, and separating Brunswick from Tops-

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<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, in Harpswell Banner, October, 1832.*



ham. runs the ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER, noted for its numerous falls and abundant power. The other rivers are the Cathance and Muddy, in Topsham, and the New Meadows, which separates Brunswick and Harpswell from Bath, West Bath, and Phippsburg.

THE CATHANCE rises in the lower part of the town of Litchfield, flows in a southeasterly direction through the town of Bowdoin, and continues on this course until it reaches about the centre of Topsham, where it takes an easterly course for a short distance, then runs nearly north by northeast until it reaches the village of Bowdoinham, when it takes a bend and flows to the southeast until it reaches Merrymeeting Bay. A few miles south of Bowdoinham, this river has an arm which extends northwesterly for about a mile, where it drains two small branches. Its whole length is about twenty-seven miles.

MUDDY RIVER rises in the southeastern part of Topsham, about midway between the old Bowdoinham road and the Foreside road, and flows in a northeasterly direction until it reaches Merrymeeting Bay. Its length is not far from four and a half miles.

NEW MEADOWS RIVER rises in the town of Bath, about half a mile from Merrymeeting Bay, and flows south into Casco Bay. It was anciently called Stevens's River.

The only pond of considerable size in this whole region is Cathance Pond, sometimes called Bradley's Pond, in Topsham. It is little more than an expansion of Cathance River, and is a few acres only in extent.

MERRYMEETING BAY is formed by the confluence of the waters of the Androscoggin, Muddy, Cathance, Abagadusset, and Kennebec Rivers. It is about six miles in length and three in breadth, at its widest part. In a deed from Sir Ferdinando Gorges to Sir Richard Edgecomb in 1637, this sheet of water was called the "Lake of New Somersett."<sup>1</sup> In other ancient deeds it was called "Swan Pond."<sup>2</sup>

It is doubtful if there is in New England a tract of land of the same extent, possessing a more diversified scenery than does the territory just described. Each differing phase of the landscape may be surpassed in many other places, but the *tout ensemble* is rarely equalled. There is but one place where this extended view can be obtained, and comparatively few have ever enjoyed it. On the north of the village of Topsham, and about a mile distant from the bridge, is an abrupt elevation of land called Mount Ararat. In the innocence of childhood we long supposed this to be the veritable mount whereon the ark

<sup>1</sup> Pejepscot Papers.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

rested. Upon the summit of this hill once stood a very respectable observatory, rising higher than the surrounding trees. From the top of this observatory, or from the summit of one of the tallest trees, could be seen in one direction the Cathance River, winding like a silver thread through the evergreen foliage; in another direction, the bright waters of Merrymeeting Bay; farther still gleamed the broad line of the New Meadows River and the wide expanse of Casco Bay, the latter dotted with islands and swept by the white sails of vessels of every size. At the west, about sixty miles distant, the White Hills of New Hampshire are distinctly visible on clear days, while a glass reveals the observatory and church spires at Portland.

The scenery of the three towns is widely different. Topsham, on the north or left bank of the Androscoggin, is for the most part hilly; while Brunswick, on the opposite bank of the river, consists (with the exception of the western and extreme eastern portions) of low, sandy plains. Harpswell is made up of islands, and the long, high peninsula of Merriconeag.

In the western part of the town of Brunswick a rocky elevation is to be observed, extending quite from the Androscoggin to Casco Bay. Many citizens are familiar with the picturesque scenery at Rocky Hill, some four miles up the river road, where this ridge begins. At the deep cut, some three miles west of the village, the railroad passes through a depression of this ridge, but at Oak Hill it again rises to full height.

A few miles farther, another depression is succeeded by Brimstone Hill, in Freeport, which completes the line quite to Harraseekit Landing, on Casco Bay. From Oak Hill and the higher points of the parallel ridge west of it, the sea is usually visible. From all elevated points, for miles around, appear also the spires of the villages of Brunswick and Topsham, the highest among them being the twin towers of King's Chapel. On the approach from up river, Powder-House Hill (at an earlier date known as Sunset Hill) hides much of the villages from view. A bend of the river, with a broad expansion at this point, gives all the effect of a lake, with the accessories of high, rocky banks, green hills, low, grassy shores, and sandy beaches.

At the upper railroad bridge, where the banks of the river approach each other and the compressed waters go rolling on between the firm bounds of rock, the scene begins to change. Here is the beginning of the notable BRUNSWICK FALLS, the finest water-power on the Atlantic coast. This magnificent fall of water, though lacking in the grandeur which attaches to the more famous falls of some other rivers, has

yet a beauty of its own, which should by no means be overlooked. Its numerous cascades afford not only varied and picturesque views, but furnish a motive-power probably unsurpassed in New England within so small a space. The natural bed of the fall consists of coarse graphic granite and gneiss. The rock upon the middle fall projects above the water at several points, serving as natural abutments to the several sections of the dam. Shad Island, the former site of mills, divides the lower fall about midway. There are three pitches: the first has a vertical descent of about eleven feet, the middle of fourteen feet, and the lower of about fifteen feet. The total height of the fall is about forty-one feet above high tide, which flows to the foot of the fall, causing a variation in the height of the water of about three feet. The whole horizontal distance of the descent is 1,980 feet.

#### LOCALITIES.

In the Androscoggin River, from Lisbon to Merrymeeting Bay, there are twelve islands, besides numerous rocks at the Brunswick Falls, which have acquired distinctive names.

**BEECH ISLAND** — probably so called on account of the growth of beech-trees found upon it — is the first island above the upper railroad bridge.

**MERRILL'S ISLAND** is a short distance above the former. It was named after John Merrill, Esquire, who purchased it in 1768.

**GOOSE ROCK** is the rock upon which the middle pier of the upper railroad bridge rests. It is not a bowlder, as is generally supposed, but is part of a ledge extending to the shore.<sup>1</sup> Why the rock bears its present name is not known; but it is quite probable that it was so called from a supposed similarity to a swimming goose. It has, however, been suggested that it may have been a resort for fowlers, when after wild geese.

**GOAT ISLAND** is a short distance above the Factory, or second dam. The origin of its name is unknown; but it is conjectured that one of the early settlers pastured his goats upon it.

**DEVIL'S ROCK** is the name given to a large rocky island about midway of the second, or Factory dam. The traditional origin of the name is as follows: In the early settlement of the place, a man and his wife occupied a lone house a little way back from the river, on the Topsham side. This man was very superstitious, and probably addicted to the habit of taking both frequent and deep potations. One

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<sup>1</sup> Survey by C. J. Noyes, Esq.



day during an ice freshet, as he was sitting at his window watching the ice go by, he imagined he saw Satan, *in propria persona*, floating down the stream on a log, and that he could hear the clanking of his chains as he climbed the rock. He informed his wife of this imaginary occurrence, and after the waters had sufficiently subsided, the pair visited the rock and found the footprints left there by his supposed Satanic Majesty. These holes in the rock — one of which does bear quite a resemblance to a huge footprint — are still to be seen.

FISHING ROCK ISLAND, SALMON ISLAND, SHAD ISLAND. — All these names have been, at different periods, applied to the island at the lower falls, between the long dam and the gulf dam. Tradition gives the origin of the latter name as follows: The law formerly prohibited the catching of shad between sunset on Saturday and sunrise on Monday. Fish-wardens were annually chosen by some towns to see that this law was enforced. One Sunday some men went out and caught several of these fish, and hid them on this island, not daring to be seen carrying them home. Mr. Johnson Wilson and some friends started out after them in boats, pretending to be the fish-wardens, and went ashore on the island, found the fish, and, for sport, carried them away. The joke was discovered, and some complaint made against Mr. Wilson for breaking the Sabbath. Afterwards, when he built a mill, — the first one on the island, — those who had blamed him for taking the fish called his mill the “Shad Mill,” and from that the island subsequently became known as Shad Island.

FRESHET ROCK is the name by which the rock between Shad Island and the Topsham shore is known. It is thus called from its being an index to the height of water in the river. It is never entirely covered by water except in freshets.

GRANNY HOLE MILL, STREAM, AND BRIDGE. — The channel which carries the water from the river above the lower falls, around the island in Topsham, was originally only a ravine; but about 1760 it was excavated so as to afford a continuous flow of water. Tradition gives the following account of the origin of its name: On one occasion, in midwinter, Mr. Thomas Wilson, grandfather of Mr. James Wilson, of Topsham, went over the ice to a fulling-mill near the fort in Brunswick, to obtain a web of cloth. He stayed until after dark; and while coming home he heard a woman's voice in the direction of a mill which stood just south of where the flour mill in Topsham now stands. Going in the direction from which the sound came, he found a woman named Betty Watts, who had broken through the ice, and was clinging to the edge of it, screaming for help. Having his web of

cloth with him, he held on to one end and threw the roll to the woman, who caught hold of it and was drawn out. In memory of this incident, the mill was called the "Granny-Hole Mill," and the name was afterwards applied to the whole ravine. The "Granny-Hole Bridge" is mentioned a number of times in the town records of Topsham.

**THE GOLDEN PIPE** — This was a natural drain or outlet for what is now a stagnant pond in front of Flagg's brick-yard, in Topsham. It crossed Summer Street just west of Mr. Cyrus Flagg's residence, and so kept on till it entered the Granny-Hole Stream. In times of freshet, the water from the river flowed across the sand-bed through the Golden Pipe into the Granny-Hole Stream, which afforded an opportunity for lumbermen to run logs that way and save them from being carried down river and out to sea. The benefit thus derived from this channel doubtless gave rise to its name. When Summer Street was laid out, a portion of the drain was filled up and the street raised high enough to prevent the water from crossing it except in unusually high freshets. This drain is referred to in the town records under the name given above.

**GREAT ISLAND** is the name given in the Topsham town records to the island formed by the Granny-Hole Stream and the main river. It has also been called Thompson's Island, because it was at one time owned by Brigadier Thompson. It is usually called simply "The Island."

**MIDDLE ROCK** is the name of the rock upon which one of the piers of the Androscoggin Bridge (formerly the toll-bridge) rests.

**MASON'S ROCK.** — There are two traditions accounting for the name of the large rock below the falls, known as Mason's Rock. One is, that a Mr. Mason was once saved from drowning by getting upon this rock. The other is that, while upon the rock, he was killed by the Indians. There are no means of determining which of the two traditions is most reliable. "Samuel Mason" occupied lot number ten (within the present limits of Brunswick village) in 1717. He occupied it less than three years, and what became of him is now unknown.

**FERRY POINT** is the point of land at the Topsham end of the iron railroad bridge. It is so called from the fact that, previous to the erection of the toll-bridge, a ferry was maintained between this point and the "Landing" in Brunswick.

**TERRAMUGUS COVE** is the name applied in honor of an Indian chief, Terramugus, to the cove between Ferry Point and the Granny-Hole Mill. It is probable, however, that the river formerly covered the

low land where the town landing used to be, back of the residence of Mr. Samuel Jameson, and that the name was applied to that particular part of the cove.

OLD SUNDAY. — About midway between Mason's Rock and Ferry Point, but nearer the Topsham shore, is a large stone, now seldom exposed to view, which was placed there by Brigadier Thompson to form the anchorage for a boom. Tradition accounts for its name from its being placed there by the Brigadier on Sunday.

COW ISLAND is the name applied to the island just below the present iron railroad bridge. The name was given early in the last century, and was doubtless suggested by the fact of its affording good and safe pasturage for cows. It was owned, prior to 1797, by John Sandford.<sup>1</sup>

THE NARROWS, where the river is compressed into narrow limits by two high rocky points, are about two miles below the Falls. The point on the Brunswick side was formerly occupied by Humphrey's steam-mill and ship-yard.

BAXTER'S ISLAND, FREYER'S OR FRIAR'S ISLAND, MUSTARD'S ISLAND. — These are different names for the island near the Topsham end of the Bay Bridge. The island was deeded in 1717 to the Reverend Joseph Baxter of Medfield, Mass., who came here as a missionary to the Indians. The name "Freyer's Island" is laid down on some of the maps of a recent date, but the origin of the name is unknown. It is called "Mustard's Island" from its present owner, Mr. John Mustard, of Topsham.

HUNTER'S ISLAND is the large island at the foot of the Narrows. In Stevens's deed from the Indians, in 1675, it is called "Stave Island." It may have borne other names, but we have not been able to ascertain them.

PLEASANT POINT lies between the Androscoggin and Muddy Rivers, extending into Merrymeeting Bay. Although this name is appropriate, and has the prestige of antiquity, yet it would appear still more appropriate to perpetuate the name of its original owner, the first settler in Topsham, by calling it *Gyles's Point*.

CATHANCE POINT is the point of land in Bowdoinham formed by the bend of the Cathance River near its outlet into Merrymeeting Bay.

FULTON'S POINT and PATTEN'S POINT are names which have been successively applied to a point on the eastern side of Cathance Point, by former residents of the vicinity, — James Fulton having been one

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<sup>1</sup> Deed to Brigadier Thompson.



of its earliest occupants, and John Patten, its owner at a later period.

CENTER POINT, formerly called Moffitt's, and still earlier Somerset Point, is the point of land between the Abagadusset and Cathance Rivers. In a deed from Sir Ferdinando Gorges to Sir Richard Edgecomb, dated 1637, this point was called "Somerset Point."<sup>1</sup> The name has often been spelled "Samoset," and the explanation has been given that it was named in honor of the Indian chief of that name; but it is evident that the latter name is a corruption of the former. In the last century, the point was occupied by a family named "Moffitt," for whom it was named; and in like manner its present name was given because of its occupation for many years by a family named Center. It is in the town of Bowdoinham.

ABAGADUSSET POINT is the striking name which attaches to the last projection which engages our attention on the north side of the bay. It lies between the Kennebec and Abagadusset Rivers, and is a part of the town of Bowdoinham. The meaning and derivation of the name have already been given in Chapter I of Part First.

OAK HILL is about four miles north of Topsham village. The origin of the name is obvious.

In Brunswick the following localities are more or less familiar:—

FISH-HOUSE HILL, upon which stands the residence of Miss Narcissa Stone, received its name from the fact that there was once a fish-house upon it, where salmon and sturgeon were cured and packed for shipment.

EATON BROOK—the first brook west of the village—bears this name from Daniel Eaton, who lived near it in the last century.

HARWOOD'S BROOK was named for George Harwood, one of the early settlers, who built a house and attempted to clear a farm on what was afterward the "Captain Adams Place," which included the very noticeable hill, with the large house at the top, on the west bank of the Androscoggin, about a mile above the village.

SANDY GULLY—as its name indicates—is a sandy ravine on the River road, where it crosses Harwood's Brook.

ROCKY HILL is about four miles from the village on the road leading up the river. It is the beginning of the broad, rocky ridge to which reference has been made. The scenery of the locality is the boldest of any in the three towns.

THE PINNACLE is the name of a hill, probably the highest in the three towns, situated on the north side of the Durham road, at the

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

extreme western border of Brunswick. It is well covered with trees, except a space on the east and south, the latter side being marked by a precipitous ledge of light-colored granite.

BALD ROCK is a massive projection of ledge on a western slope of the ridge of which Oak Hill is a spur on the eastern side, nearly opposite.

OAK HILL is a spur of the granitic ridge which extends from the Androscoggin River to Casco Bay. It is on the Portland road, about four miles west of the village.

GROWSTOWN, a neighborhood about two miles west of the colleges, derives its name from the numerous families named Grows who formerly resided in the vicinity.

BUNGANUCK LANDING is the western side of Maquoit Bay, near Freeport. The origin of the name is given elsewhere in the volume.

WHARTON'S POINT, at Maquoit, was named for Thomas Wharton, who owned the lot in 1717. It was afterwards sold to William Woodside.

MAIR POINT, MARE POINT, MERE POINT.—These are the varied spellings of the name applied from a very early date to the peninsula which extends into Casco Bay and Maquoit Bay. The derivation, and consequently the spelling, of the name has been the subject of some discussion, and there still exists a difference of opinion concerning it. In the earliest deeds and other documents which we have seen, the name is spelled Mair; and for this reason we have so spelled the name whenever reference is made to it. We incline to the opinion that some time previous to the Pejepscot purchase, a man named Marr (or Mare) lived on the point, and that "Mair" is a corruption. Williamson<sup>1</sup> states that John Mare was an early settler on Mare Point. Some are of the opinion that at a very early period the point was occupied by French settlers, who gave it the name of *Mer* Point, which in English would be Sea Point. There is no proof, however, that the locality was ever occupied by the French.

NEW WHARF is the name of a wharf at Middle Bay, built in 1837. It was then spoken of as "The New Wharf," and never having received any other name, it is still called New Wharf, though now old and dilapidated.

PENNELVILLE is a neighborhood near Middle Bay, which includes a number of families of the name of Pennell. Much ship-building has been done in this vicinity.

MAIR BROOK rises a short distance west of the Twelve-Rod road,

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<sup>1</sup> *History of Maine*, 1, p. 564, note.

and crossing that road about half a mile below the colleges, thence runs in an easterly direction and empties into Harpswell Harbor, between Prince's Point and Harpswell Neck. The origin of the name is unknown, but it is doubtless the same as that of Mair Point.

THOMPSON'S BROOK, in the eastern part of the town, was named after Cornelius Thompson, an early settler, through whose lot the brook ran.

COOK'S CORNER, two miles east of Brunswick village, on the road to Bath, was named for Stephen Cook, who resided there in 1764 and probably earlier.

PRINCE'S POINT extends into Harpswell Harbor, between the Neck and Great Island. It received this appellation after a family named Prince, who have lived on the point many years.

HAM'S HILL, near New Meadows River, on the upper road to Bath, was named for Tobias Ham, who settled upon it previous to 1742.

BULL ROCK is a rock in New Meadows River, upon which rests one of the piers of the bridge below the railroad.

The following are localities in Harpswell:—

HARPSWELL NECK is what was formerly and is now, often, called MERRICONEAG.

The "GREAT ISLAND" is the English and SEBASCODEGAN the Indian name for the largest of the islands included in the township of Harpswell. Richard Wharton, in 1683, speaks of it as "Sebacoa, *alias* Chebascoa diggin."<sup>1</sup>

ORR'S ISLAND is the name now applied to what, in 1758, was known as LITTLE SEBASCODEGAN.<sup>2</sup> It received its later name from one of its first English occupants, Joseph Orr, who owned nearly the whole island. Orr's Island and Bailey's Island were, also, prior to 1683, called "The Twins."<sup>3</sup>

BAILEY'S ISLAND, situated south of the Neck, is the present name of what was called WILL'S ISLAND in the Act of Incorporation of Harpswell. Captain James Sinnett, now upwards of eighty years of age, who has resided upon the island all his life, gives the following account of the origin of these names. The first settler upon the island was a man named Black, who, with his wife and a boy, moved there from Kittery. They were of mixed breed, having in their veins the blood of the Anglo-Saxon, Indian, and African races. Black and his wife died and were the first persons ever buried upon the island. Their son, Will Black, lived to old age and became generally known

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *See Act of Incorporation of Harpswell.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*



by the name of Uncle Will. The island consequently took its first name from him. Afterwards, Deacon Timothy Bailey, of Hanover, Mass., purchased the island and moved there with his family. The Blacks were squatters, and, having no legal claim to the land, they moved to Orr's Island, and settled on the lot now owned by Mr. Ralph Johnson. Thereafter Will's Island was called Bailey's Island.

NORTH YARMOUTH ISLAND is situated south of, and in close proximity to Sebascodegan, or Great Island. The explanation of its bearing the name of a distant town is probably as follows:—

The town of North Yarmouth formerly embraced the peninsula of Mair Point and Harpswell Neck, with Sebascodegan and the lesser islands within the limits indicated by these points. When the town of Harpswell was formed, all the larger islands intended to be set off from Yarmouth for the new town of Harpswell were named in the Act of Incorporation, with the exception of the one now under consideration. The omission was probably unintentional; yet this island—nearly the most remote of all—still remained the legal territory of North Yarmouth. This anomaly among the islands led to its acquirement of the name of the town to which it belonged. At a later period it was annexed to Harpswell.

DAMARISCOVE ISLAND, now called "Haskell's Island," lies opposite Potts's Point. In the Act of Incorporation of Harpswell it was called Damariscove Island, but assumed its present name after its purchase by a Mr. Haskell.

FLAG ISLAND is said to derive its name from the fact that large quantities of flags grew upon it.

WHALE-BOAT ISLAND is, perhaps, so called from its fancied resemblance in shape to a whale-boat. It lies west of the lower part of the Neck.

GOOSE ISLANDS—two of them—lie west of the middle of the Neck. At the southeast of the lower one are a pair of small islands called "The Goslings."

SHELTER ISLAND, in Middle Bay, probably received its name from its affording a place of refuge for the settlers on Mair Point and vicinity in times of Indian hostility. Tradition says that this island was for many years the resort of smugglers, who obtained their goods in the British provinces, and stored them on this island if so fortunate as to escape the customs officers along the coast. The name was probably given by the smugglers.

BIRCH ISLAND, between Mair Point and the Neck, was doubtless so named for its abundant growth of birch-trees.

WHITE'S ISLAND, near Mair Point, was named for Nicholas White, who occupied it as early as the year 1675.

POTTS'S POINT, at the lower extremity of the Neck, was named for Richard Potts, its first occupant, who settled there previous to 1672.

THE PRONGS are the three points at the lower end of the Neck, which bears a resemblance to the form of a fork.

LOOKOUT POINT, on the western shore of the Neck, is so called because it affords an extended view of the bay. The scenery at this locality is very picturesque.

CONDY'S POINT is the southeastern extremity of Great Island, and, with the adjacent harbor, takes its name from William Condy, who settled there in 1733.

BOYLE'S POINT is the northeastern extremity of Orr's Island. It was probably named for the Reverend Matthew Byles, who had one hundred acres of this island set off to him by Joseph Orr, in lieu of his previous claim as heir to Honorable William Tailer.

The following are the names of the smaller islands of Harpswell, which are mostly uninhabited. There are a few others, without established name by which they might be recognized, and of which we therefore have made no special record.

ROGUE ISLAND is southeast of Condy's Point.

JENNY'S ISLAND is south of North Yarmouth Island.

LONG LEDGE is south of Jenny's Island.

POLE ISLAND, SMALL ISLAND, and SNOW ISLAND are situated in the eastern part of Quahaug Bay.

ELM ISLAND is east of the lower part of Orr's Island.

RAW ISLAND is east of the north part of Bailey's Island.

CEDAR LEDGES, five in a row, — seven or more in all, — are east of Raw Island.

POND ISLAND is east of the middle of Bailey's Island.

RAGGED ISLAND is east of the lower part of Bailey's Island. Its municipal connection has been disputed.

JAQUES'S ISLAND, south of Bailey's Island, receives its name from Lieutenant Jaques, who resided on the Neck opposite, and who was one of the officers in the final expedition against the Indians at Norridge-wock.

TURNIP ISLAND is west of Jaques's Island.

GREAT MARK ISLAND is south of Haskell's Island.

LITTLE MARK ISLAND is south of Great Mark Island.

EAGLE ISLAND is west of Haskell's Island.

LITTLE BIRCH ISLAND is southwest of west prong of Harpswell Neck.

HORSE ISLAND is east of Little Birch Island.

BARNE'S ISLAND is between the west prong of the Neck and Great Whale-Boat Island.

LITTLE WHALE-BOAT ISLAND is northwest and near Great Whale-Boat Island.

IRONY ISLAND is east of the Goslings.

BRAINING'S LEDGE is between the Goose Islands.

LOOKOUT ISLAND is adjacent to Point Lookout.

LITTLE BIRCH ISLAND is northeast of Birch Island.

SCRAGG ISLAND is east of White's Island.

LITTLE IRONY ISLAND is south by southwest of Scragg Island.

CROW ISLAND is southwest of New Wharf, at head of Middle Bay.

CLARKE'S ISLAND is east of New Wharf.

BOMAZEEN ISLAND is between Brunswick and Great Island.

Other localities in Harpswell are : —

HIGH HEAD, on the east side of the northern part of the Neck, and JAKUES'S HARBOR, at the southern extremity of Bailey's Island.

HARPSWELL HARBOR is on the east of the Neck, between it and Great Island and Orr's Island.

CONDY'S HARBOR is on the east side of the point of the same name, south of Great Island.

QUAHAUG BAY extends into Great Island from the south and nearly divides the island.

ASH COVE is west of Potts's Point, between the eastern and middle prongs of the Neck.

MILL-POND BASIN is between the western and middle prongs of the Neck. It furnishes a tide power of great value, from its accessibility by sea, the depth of water admitting the passage of vessels of several hundred tons, quite to the dam. Upon it there is now a large grain mill.

LONG REACH is an extensive cove in the western side of Great Island, opening northward.

LONG COVE nearly divides the northern half of Orr's Island.

LOWELL'S COVE is on the southeast side of Orr's Island.

MACKEREL COVE is on the southern part of Bailey's Island.

WILL GUT is the passage between Orr's and Bailey's Islands.

THE GURNET is the name of the point in Brunswick opposite to Great Island, Harpswell. Between the point and island is the Gurnet Bridge.

In the English Channel there are several headlands bearing the name, having taken it, probably, because of the number of gurnet fish found in the neighborhood, and it is probable that the name was given



to the point in Brunswick from a fancied resemblance to one of the English headlands referred to.

#### FAUNA.

From the varied character of the region about Brunswick Falls, comprising sea-shore and forest, sandy plains, granite hills, and rich intervalles, this narrow territory, prior to its occupation by the English, must have drawn a numerous representation of almost the entire fauna of the State. Among the MAMMALIA formerly found here were bears, wild-cats, loup-cerviers, wolves, moose, beaver, and otter. Cathance Pond is said to have been once a great resort for the latter, while traces of beaver-dams are found on almost every stream. Of the carnivora, wolves were the most common. The town many times voted bounties for the destruction of these animals, which prowled about the premises of the settlers in search of food, and sometimes even followed the settlers themselves.

About the year 1786, Mrs. Thomas, wife of Lewis Thomas, walked from Harpswell to Brunswick, bearing her baby in her arms, and in addition carrying half a quintal of fish. While coming through the woods near Middle Bay, she was followed by wolves. With remarkable presence of mind, she threw down a single fish, which the pursuing pack stopped to devour, while she pressed forward as rapidly as possible. The animals soon resumed the pursuit, and she threw down another fish, and again they stopped to make a quarrelsome meal. This operation was repeated at intervals until she reached her home. Ephraim Thomas was the name of the man who, when a babe, made this dangerous journey. He died in Greene, Maine, in 1849, at sixty-three years of age.

In 1792 Samuel Stanwood, who then lived on the site of the present residence of Mrs. Joseph McKeen, had a saw mill at Maquoit at which he worked during the day, carrying his dinner with him. One day, desiring to accomplish all he could and not feeling very hungry, he did not stop to eat the dinner which he had brought with him, but took it back with him when he started for home at night. When he reached Mair Brook, a wolf came out of the thicket, looked at him a moment, then went back and uttered his hideous yells, which soon brought four or five others of his species to the scene. Stanwood, finding he was pursued, threw out a handful of meat, and while the wolves were fighting over it he hastened forward, soon, however, to be overtaken by the animals, to whom he again threw fragments of food. This operation was repeated until, when nearly to his home, the last

fragment of food was gone and the wolves were in hot pursuit of him. He screamed to his wife to open the door. Fortunately she heard him and flung open the door, just in time to secure his escape from the wild beasts at his heels.

Mr. Dean Swift says that when he was a boy and living with his parents in the house which is now the residence of Mrs. Rodney Forsaith, on Maine Street, he has many a night heard the wolves howling a short distance east of the house, in the woods which then extended to Federal Street.

Reverend Samuel Veazie, in 1767, purchased the farm adjoining the old Harpswell Island Meeting-House, and cleared a place for the erection of his dwelling. Back of his house there was a dense growth of wood, and in this the wolves sometimes collected in large numbers during the winter season, making the night hideous with their howls. The wolves would remain on the island until just previous to the breaking up of the ice, when they would leave it for the mainland. It is stated that they never failed to make the removal before the breaking up of the ice, seeming in this matter to show an intelligence akin to reason.<sup>1</sup>

Bears, never so troublesome as the wolves, have hardly been heard of within the limits of our three towns for many years. Some time in the last century Johnson Stover pastured hogs at Goose Island, and one day, hearing an unusual squealing, he found a bear holding one of the pigs in his paws, and occasionally nipping it with his teeth.

Alcot Stover once, while lying on his bed, saw one looking in at the window, but before he could get his gun his wife accidentally frightened it away.

About 1775 a woman, known as Granny Young, went to Bomazeen Island after berries. After filling her dishes, she started for home, having only a stave for a paddle. Hearing a noise in the water behind her she turned, and saw that a large bear was swimming after the boat. She plied her awkward paddle as vigorously as possible, but the bear overtook the boat and attempted to upset it. She fought him with the stave, striking him upon the head and nose until he was stunned; then she held his head under water until he was dead, when she towed him ashore.

The latest appearance of bears in Harpswell, of which we have the date fixed, was in 1800, when three were killed on the farm now owned by W. S. Purinton.

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<sup>1</sup> *Mrs. Price, ninety-two years old; formerly a resident of the island.*

The common red deer must have been quite numerous in this region at the time of settlement. Even now they are occasionally met with. As late as 1858 two were seen in Brunswick, — one, a full-grown animal, at New Meadows; the other, a fawn, on the old Freeport road. On Oct. 20, 1859, three were shot on Topsham Plains. Some sixteen years ago caribou were seen at the western border of Brunswick by several persons, and in two instances some pursuit was made.

Raccoons are still caught every year in one quarter or another of the town. A live one was found in the Factory yard in Brunswick in 1844.

The wild-cat, though heard of occasionally in neighboring towns, has not been reported within our limits for many years. The "lucifée" (*loup cervier*), or Canada lynx, is believed still to haunt, occasionally, the extensive woods at the west of the town.

Foxes are alternately numerous, then rare, and seem to be somewhat migratory, according as mice, grouse, and hare are plenty.

The rabbit exists in favorable situations through the towns, but is not common enough to do much damage to the crops. A few young trees are each spring found with the bark gnawed from the trunk near the ground, but this has usually been laid to the mice.

Both the common and the star-nosed moles are occasionally met with, but are not sufficiently numerous to be regarded in any degree a pest, as in some localities southward. Gray, red, and striped squirrels are frequent, but not troublesome. The flying squirrel is not often seen, but still haunts the old woods. The weazel is infrequent; and its cousin, the mink, puts in an appearance in the vicinity of brooks with just sufficient frequency to incite the boys to unprofitable attempts at trapping. The muskrat seems equally, but sparingly diffused. The skunk still taints the air with his mephitic odor each season, in many localities. Woodchucks are rare, but here and there a farmer complains of their ravages among his early bean-plants.

#### BIRDS.

Probably a list of the birds occurring in this vicinity, a century or two ago, would not differ from one of to-day, except in a few instances. It is certain, however, that certain species were vastly more numerous. The golden eagle is said to have been found upon our coast in the earlier days of its settlement; but the bird is not now known here, even as a visitant. On the other hand, there is not, that we are aware, any evidence that the eider duck was found upon our shores a century since, while it is now quite regularly a winter sojourner. Yet the



seasons have not been growing colder, neither can we think them to have grown greatly warmer, though another bird associated with a higher temperature has become a *habitué* of this vicinity, as well as of other localities in the State. It has been said that the Baltimore oriole was an unknown bird until within a few years, yet it may be that the change of the country by human occupancy, rather than any change of climate, is the cause of its immigration. The scarlet tanager, also regarded as an inhabitant of mild climates, is occasionally seen here as early as May.

Among *winter* visitants are the grosbeaks, — the pine and the rose-breasted, — the pine finch, the Arctic or snowy owl, the Canada jay, and perhaps one or two others. The common birds are, no doubt, the same here as in most other portions of the State. The cuckoo is said to have been unknown in Aroostook until within three or four years, but here it has been observed for a generation, at least. It is, however, reported to have become more numerous in this vicinity of late. This, if a fact, may be owing to an increase of its insect food, for it is believed by some to feed largely on the caterpillar. Another bird, one of the woodpeckers, known as the sapsucker, has become rather rare of late years, from the relentless war waged upon it by the guardians of young fruit orchards. The crow, the pest of cornfields, in scornful disregard of public opinion, persists in making itself very much at home among the farms. Hawks in the usual variety, though reduced in numbers, are found in all the more rural quarters of the towns.

The several sorts of owls common in the State are met with here, their number in any locality seeming to depend more on the frequency of hollow trees, which afford them congenial shelter, than on any other condition. The blue jay, eminent for its disagreeable voice, its striking appearance, and remarkable foresight, is a frequent inhabitant. Ruffed grouse (here commonly called partridges) are frequent, but not numerous. Woodcocks, from their retired habits, are an almost unknown bird to our people, yet are really much more plentiful than grouse. The plovers, sandpipers, snipes, and quails are not usually numerous. Wild pigeons are frequent, but not to the hundredth part of their former numbers.

Of the birds that seek the neighborhood of human habitations we have the usual variety, the common dove, three or more kinds of swallows, and the martin. The last has diminished in number, the others appear to have increased. The robin is, perhaps, more numerous than any other single variety. Others of this family are the wood-thrush, whose vocal expression is the long, pensive, but musical

whistle and trill heard in almost every wood in early summer; and Wilson's thrush, which is less common. Another songster, the brown thrush, or the brown mocker, is found, it is said, in only one locality of our towns, and this is in the western part of Brunswick.

The song sparrow, that frequents cool ravines, and sings all through the season, and the white-throated sparrow, are familiar to the ears of our inhabitants, if not well known to the eye. The chickadee, or black-cap titmouse, and the kingbird, are also quite common. Something like the last in appearance and voice is the kingfisher, present on most of our larger streams during the summer.

About the marshes on these streams the great blue heron is sometimes seen, but it is more frequent about the salt marshes and sea-shore. Around the sea-shore the coot is more numerous than any other of the large birds. Our water-fowl generally are not different from those found in other sections of the State. On our fresh-water ponds, as well as on the salt-water, are found in spring and autumn the wild goose, the black duck, teal, sheldrake, and merganser, while the wood-duck and the pintail or whistler, make their habitat all over our territory; yet they are not abundant. There is a tradition that at the period of settlement, wild fowl sometimes congregated in certain localities in our vicinity in such numbers, and made so much noise in the night, that the settlers were unable to sleep until they had driven the intruders away. It is said that to accomplish this they sometimes found it necessary to fling firebrands among them. Merrymeeting Bay was formerly a great resort for wild geese. The middle portion of the bay was, at low water, a sand-bed covered with a species of reed, on the roots of which the geese were supposed to subsist from about the first of September until the extreme cold weather sent them southward. The loon is met with at the proper season; the gulls and fish-hawks are quite common, and the white-headed eagle is frequently seen.

Of INSECTS, the chief food of our feathered friends, but often the bane of our orchards and growing crops, we probably have the same variety that is to be found in the rest of the State. Our list of REPTILES and AMPHIBIANS is not extensive. Turtles are not often met with, except the variety found in muddy ponds. Our serpents are the striped snake, the little brown snake, the green snake, the black snake, the milk snake, and the water snake. The water snakes are believed to have poison fangs; in regard to the brown and milk snakes we have no knowledge; the others mentioned are not deemed venomous.

The bull-frog, pickerel-frog, and green frog inhabit all our fresh waters, and the leopard-frog is to be found in the meadows, and the delicate, pale brown wood-frog is of frequent occurrence in our forests. The common toad is found in all cultivated lands, and tree toads in all our localities. There are few persons who have not listened to the multitudinous cry of the latter during hot summer nights.

We have no lizards; the creature sometimes called so is the salamander. There are several species, varying much in size and color. They are found only in moist places, while some are amphibious.

Of CRUSTACEANS, our principal species are the king crab (or horse-shoe), the common crab, and the common salt-water lobster, the last abundant and of well-known value.

Our chief MOLLUSKS are the fresh-water clam (*unio*) and the various snails; the common clam, abundant in our salt-water flats, and familiar as an article of diet; the hen, or sea clam, found only at unusually low tides; and the quahaug, infrequent, except in Quahang Bay, in Great Island.

Of the MARINE MAMMALS, the seal is quite frequent in our bays, and sometimes ascends the rivers for short distances. In 1868, one was seen near the Toll Bridge, and being pursued in boats, was captured near Cow Island. It weighed two hundred pounds. The porpoise is quite common, frequently disturbing the schools of various fish upon which the fisherman counts for his gain. Whales are rarely seen, but not unknown. The blackfish, or round-headed dolphin, is common off shore in its season. It was probably this species about which the *Andruscoggin Free Press* gave the following account:—

“On Monday, Oct. 6, 1828, a shoal of dolphins, called by the sailors ‘blackfish,’ seventy or eighty in number, made their appearance near Orr’s Island. The inhabitants, to the number of twenty-one men, in nine boats, armed with muskets and axes, went out to attack, and, if possible, catch them. After four or five hours of hard fighting they had been able to despatch but six or seven, but they had learned that the dolphins could be driven with as much facility as a flock of sheep. It was finally decided to attempt to drive them into a narrow cove which penetrated to the distance of a mile into the interior of Orr’s Island, and which there terminated in a circular basin. In this design they were successful. All of the boats pressed closely upon their retreat and cut off all possibility of escape.

“Captain John Curtis, being in advance of the little fleet, caused his boat to be rowed alongside one of the largest dolphins, himself standing with one foot braced on the bows of the boat and the other



on the back of his antagonist. He had taken this position to make the attempt of splitting open the head of the fish; but, the boat veering in its course, he must either fall into the water or jump upon the back of his intended victim. He did the latter, and in the next moment the company saw their gallant captain riding off astride upon the back of the dolphin. A full quarter of a mile was the hero thus borne over the water by this novel mode of navigation, when he safely alighted upon a vehicle of a more artificial construction.

“ Captain Curtis did not, however, like Arion, entertain his dolphin with harmonious strains of godlike music. So far from this, in fact, he was constantly inflicting blows with his axe deeply into the monster’s blubber.

“ As the tide ebbed away, the dolphins began to drag themselves heavily through the mud, and it became advisable to find some more expeditious way of destroying them. Before sunset the whole number were despatched. About one hundred and thirty barrels of oil were obtained from the fish, realizing about \$2,000.

“ This singular fish is not the common dolphin, but the round-headed dolphin, being much larger. Those captured at Harpswell varied much in size. The largest was twenty-three feet long and eighteen feet in circumference. There were some that measured not more than six or seven feet in length. These were probably pups, as some of the females yielded large quantities of milk, resembling very much cow’s milk.”

The FISHES, inhabiting the salt water of our bays and off our shores, are the cod, haddock, hake, pollock, cusk, mackerel, blue-fish, herring, menhaden or porgy, sun-fish, sword-fish, rock-cod, sculpin, ling, flounder, cunner, frost-fish, and tom-cod. Our fresh waters contain brook-trout, pickerel, perch, chub, sucker, bream or kiver, bull-head, and others of lesser note. Among the fish that frequent both the fresh and salt water are the smelt, alewife, salmon, and sturgeon. In early times the last two were very abundant in the Androscoggin, but their number has greatly diminished. Since the construction of fishways in the dams a few years ago, there has, however been a manifest increase in the number of salmon, and it is to be hoped that by careful diversion from the waters of all matters deleterious to fishes, the river may again become abundantly stocked.

GEOLOGICAL FEATURES.<sup>1</sup>

The universal underlying rock of this region, extending to unknown depths, is gneiss. This is easily distinguished from granite, which consists of the same minerals, — mica, quartz, and feldspar, — by its appearance of stratification.

The layers or strata of gneiss are curiously bent and twisted, as if, while in a soft and plastic condition, at some early period of the earth's history, they had been crumpled like pieces of cloth by some gigantic force. This folding of the strata is well exhibited in a railroad cut on the Topsham shore, near the Lewiston bridge. In general, however, they dip to the southeast.

Intersecting these layers, in immense veins or dikes, is found the granite. The granite dikes have clearly been formed by the filling of vast chasms in the earth's crust, probably at a high temperature.

Withstanding better the wear of time than the gneiss, these dikes now form prominent features of our landscape at Powder-House Hill and the hills of Topsham, and have been the cause of the rapids which furnish our villages with their magnificent water-power.

The granite dikes are here an extensive source of building material, and, farther north, of the feldspar ground for the glazing of pottery and the quartz crushed for sand-paper. In these dikes, too, are found the crystals that have rendered the vicinity so famous for its mineral wealth.

On Powder-House Hill and other places, and probably throughout the village of Brunswick, were it accessible, the surface of these hard and almost imperishable rocks is found deeply scored and furrowed in lines parallel with one another, and having the direction of northwest and southeast. These it is well known, and has been abundantly proved, have been formed by the action of an immense glacier which once extended over the whole northern part of the United States.

Over four thousand feet in thickness, covering all but our highest mountains, as Washington and Katahdin, this stream of solid ice moved slowly southward with crushing force, grooving the surface, grinding down the hills, and transporting the huge boulders that were, later, stranded in our fields. By this same agency were formed the deep fjords or inlets of our coasts and the islands that stud Casco Bay.

Following the period of ice came a period of thaw. At the same

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<sup>1</sup> This description is by Professor Carmichael of Bowdoin College, and though written with especial reference to Brunswick and Topsham, is undoubtedly equally applicable to Harpswell.

time the coast of Maine, which once had been higher than now above the ocean level, sank below its surface, and an arm of the sea flowed over the highest building sites of Brunswick. Then were deposited the beds of brick clay which immediately cover the solid rock and crop out at the brow of the "Hill."

In sinking wells in different parts of the village, not unfrequently mussel-beds (*Mytelus edulis*) are met with in this day. Their perfection and disposition prove that here they have lived and died.

Other shells, as *Leda truncata*, which is not found to day south of Spitzbergen, attest to the coldness of the salt waters which then covered the lowlands.

Two bison teeth, a fragment of a walrus tusk, a large and curious tooth resembling that of the walrus, found in a clay bed of the same period at Gardiner by the late Mrs. Allen, and deposited in the Museum of Bowdoin College by Mrs. M. Allen Elton, prove at this early day, long before Adam walked the earth, strange beasts occupied the morasses and briny waters of the Kennebec and Androscoggin valleys.

At a later period, immense streams of water from the still melting ice flowed southward through the Androscoggin, forming the high terraces of which six, one above the other, may be seen on the Brunswick, and two upon the Topsham shore.

Then was deposited the expanse of sand forming the arid plain surrounding the village of Brunswick. Happy the agriculturist on whose land the Leda clay breaks through the barren terrace sand!

Ice, then, is the sculptor to whom we owe all the physical features of our vicinity. It carved out our hills, valleys, and river-beds; brought bowlders and gravel from afar, and supplied the water which formed the terraces upon which the town of Brunswick has been built.

#### MINERALS.

This region is remarkably rich in the number of its minerals. The attention of the Pejepscot proprietors was early attracted to this fact, and with prudent forethought they passed the following vote, Jan. 15, 1718:—

"Voted, that if it shall so happen that there be any Mine or Mineral found out within any Proprietor's or Inhabitant's Lott; that the Said Mine or Minerall shall be held in common to the Proprietors: The Person in whose Lott it shall fall to have the same Quantity of good land elsewhere."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*



The following list of the minerals of this region, and the localities where they are chiefly to be found, is furnished mainly by Professor Carmichael:—

FELDSPAR is found in large and handsome crystals in Cobb's quarry. In Topsham, crystals a foot in diameter have been found in Sprague's quarry. Fine crystals of Amazonian spar from an old feldspar quarry are found on the banks of the Cathance River.

MICA, BIOLITE, PHLOZOPITE, in crystals, are found at the railroad cut near the upper bridge, and at the Tarbox quarry, Topsham. Near the Old Feldspar quarry slabs have been found a foot wide. Green mica is found at New Meadows. The green mica extensively exchanged by the late Professor Cleaveland was found in a boulder near the river.

LEPIDOLITE is found at Topsham.

QUARTZ. — At Sprague's quarry large crystals, and at the Old Feldspar quarry crystals a foot in diameter are found. Decahedral quartz and smoky quartz are found in various quarries.

BERYL. — At Cobb's quarry, small but perfect crystals, with interesting pyramidal faces, are found in the railroad cut near the upper bridge. At Fisher's quarry, Topsham, crystals of a hundred pounds' weight have been found.

The EMERALD is said to have been found in a cut near the upper fishway, in Topsham.

GARNET. — Small but fine crystals are found in Cobb's quarry. A fine, perfect specimen, nearly as large as a man's fist, in the Museum of Bowdoin College, was found in Sprague's quarry. At Fisher's quarry are fine, large specimens. Large quantities of crystals, of medium color and large size, have been taken from a quarry near the road, beyond the Old Feldspar quarry. The most ordinary form is the ikositetrahedron modified by the octahedron and dodecahedron.

MAGNETITE is found in many localities. Crystals over two inches in diameter have been taken from Sprague's quarry.

TOURMALINE. — Large masses are found at Rocky Hill. Fine, large, perfect hemimorphic crystals are found at Tarbox's quarry, Topsham. Brown tourmaline is found at New Meadows, near the railroad bridge.

COLUMBITE. — Large and perfect crystals have been found at Fisher's quarry. One specimen weighed upwards of two pounds. It is found also at the railroad cut near the upper bridge.

GALENITE and IRON PYRITES are found (good specimens) near Cathance River.

APATITE is found near Cathance River, and crystals are also found at New Meadows, near the railroad bridge.

TITANITE is found at Cobb's quarry, and small but fine crystals are found near Miss Narcissa Stone's house.

CHLORITE is found at Cobb's quarry.

BISMUTHENITE is found at Fisher's quarry and at Tarbox's quarry, associated with columbite.

AMPHIBITE is found at Sprague's quarry.

SPHALENITE is found at Cathance River.

MOLYBDENITE is found in the bed of the river near the Topsham paper mill, at New Meadows, and at the Old Feldspar quarry.

GOHNITE is found in a quarry near the road, beyond the Old Feldspar quarry.

The following minerals have also all been found in some one or more of the three towns, though the exact locality we are unable to designate: COPPER PYRITES, MALACHITE, CALCITE, HEMATITE, CUPRITE, EPIDITE, and MOLYBDITE.

TUNGSTITE is supposed to have been found, but it is not known with certainty.

#### SOIL AND CROPS.

The soil of Topsham is, for the most part, a light, sandy loam, with some clay at the northwestern and northeastern parts. In the main, it is tolerably productive. The best farms are on what is called the Foreside, and on Cathance stream.

The soil of Brunswick varies from the sandy loam of the plains to a gravelly loam at the westward. Rich loams and heavy clays are found in a few localities. Peat has been found in the low ground east of Miss Narcissa Stone's house and has been used by her. The best farms were formerly<sup>1</sup> (and probably are now) at Middle Bay and Maquoit. The land is said, however, to have been much more fertile in former times than at present.<sup>2</sup>

Harpswell can hardly be considered an agricultural town, though portions of it are very productive. Some excellent farms are to be found upon the Neck and upon some of the larger islands. The soil of the Neck is largely granitic rather than a gravelly loam, with small tracts of clay loam. On Great Island the soil varies from a hard, tenacious clay to a sandy loam, while in some localities are found a fine sand, and in others slaty and granitic soils. Most of the farms are equal to those on the Neck, being excellent hay and grazing land, while the higher parts are suitable for corn and wheat. Orchards do not flourish well.

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

<sup>2</sup> *Maine Historical Society Collection, 3, p. 318.*

Potatoes, barley, wheat, oats, and beans are the crops chiefly cultivated hereabouts. The mode of cultivation has improved very much of late years from what it was in Revolutionary times, when people "banked up their corn very high, and placed their potatoes very deep in the ground, and raised but little of either."

#### FLORA.

The flora of this region is, in general, like that of other similar localities in the central and coast region of Maine. The description here given is confined solely to the trees found here. At the time of the first settlement the wood growth was very different from what it is now. At that time there is said to have been an oak grove where the depot now stands in Brunswick, and the plains were covered with a growth of beech, instead of pine as at present. Then the prevailing growths were of hard wood. Among the forest trees now commonly met with are the alder, beech, birch, cedar, fir, juniper (or hackmatack), hemlock, four varieties of maple, two of oak, four of pine, and poplar, spruce, and willow. Those which are less commonly found are the ash, cherry, elm, horse-chestnut, larch, and arbor-vitæ.

#### CLIMATIC AND METEOROLOGICAL.

The climate of this region is somewhat different near the sea-coast from that a few miles farther inland. In Harpswell, and around the bays of Brunswick, the temperature is as uniform as it usually is on the coast of Maine. Topsham, from its greater elevation, is cooler than Brunswick in the summer and, probably owing to its southern slope, is slightly warmer in the winter. The following meteorological statement is from the Annual Report for 1867, of the Smithsonian Institution:—

"Between the years 1807 and 1859 inclusive, meteorological records were made with great regularity by the late Professor Parker Cleveland, of Bowdoin College, at Brunswick, Maine, and after his death were consigned to this institution for reduction and publication. The observations, though not intended by their author to be of a strictly scientific character, were yet found sufficiently valuable to warrant the expenditure of considerable labor in preparing them for the press.

"The observations were made at 7 A. M., 1 P. M., and 6 P. M., and relate to indications of the thermometer and barometer, direction of the wind, state of the weather, amount of rain and snow, character of clouds, occurrence of thunder-storms, fogs, frost and hail, earthquakes, auroras, etc. The observations present, during a period of 52 years,



a mean temperature of  $44^{\circ} 4'$  Fahrenheit, which reduced to the level of the sea becomes  $44^{\circ} 6'$ .

"The lowest mean temperature for any year occurred in 1859 and was  $40^{\circ} 31'$ , and the highest was in 1840,  $51^{\circ} 60'$ , giving a range of  $11^{\circ} 29'$ , which is considerably larger than at places farther south in the United States.

"According to the average of 52 years, the warmest day falls on the 22d of July, or 31 days after the summer solstice, and has a mean temperature of  $67^{\circ} 7'$ .

"The coldest day, on an average, is the 18th of January, or 28 days after the winter solstice, having a temperature of  $19^{\circ} 9'$  Fahrenheit.

"On an average, the 20th of April and the 24th of October have the same temperature as the mean of the entire year. The lowest record for the whole time is  $30^{\circ}$  below *zero*, and the highest  $102^{\circ}$  above.

"The northwest wind on an average reduces the temperature  $4^{\circ} 6'$ . The north lowers it  $3^{\circ} 1'$ , and the northeast  $3^{\circ} 8'$ . The southwest wind, on the contrary, elevates the temperature above its normal value,  $2^{\circ} 6'$ . In summer the effect of rain and fog is to lower the temperature  $6^{\circ} 5'$ . In winter, snow, sleet, or rain increases the temperature  $4^{\circ} 3'$ . From 54,097 observations, the following is the proportional number of winds in 1,000 : —

SOUTH.	NORTH.	WEST.	EAST.	S. W.	N. E.	N. W.	S. E.
29	40	51	29	311	143	320	77

"From this it results that the most frequent are the northwest and southwest, the former in winter and the latter in summer.

"The least number of days in which rain fell was in February, the greatest in May. The greatest number of days in which snow fell was in January. The earliest snow occurred on the 26th of September, 1808, and the latest on the 8th of June, 1816. On an average, snow falls in Brunswick on some day in May once in five years, and in October once every other year. The average number of rainy days is 64, the average number of snowy days is 30.

"The average amount of rain and snow is 44.68 inches. The greatest amount of rain during any one day was  $8\frac{1}{4}$  inches, November 4, 1845. The greatest fall of snow was on the 10th of March, 1819, and measured 30 inches.

"The greatest number of rainfalls occur while the wind is from the

northeast, and the least number while it is from the west. The northeast wind in winter is almost constantly accompanied by rain or snow, while in summer the southeast surpasses it as a vehicle of rain, — a result evidently due to the position of the place of observation with respect to the ocean. The number of storms of thunder and lightning recorded during 51 years is 472, or about 9 a year. The greatest number occurred in July and August, the least in January and February. The total number of fogs is 1,135, or 22 in a year, the most dense of which occur in summer, the least dense in winter.

“July is the only month in which no frost is recorded. The earliest frost observed was August 3d and the latest June 19th. On an average, the spring frost ceases after the first week in June, and the autumn frost commences after the first week in September.

“There were 34 hail-storms, — the greatest number in January, the least in August. The records notice the occurrence of 7 earthquakes and 86 auroras, the greatest number of the latter in September and October.

“The aurora also exhibits a maximum and a minimum. The maximum occurred in 1808, 1818, 1830, 1838, 1848, 1857, giving differences of 10, 12, 8, 10, and 9 years. This indicates an average period of about 10 years.

“Unfortunately, the temperature of the barometer is not given, and therefore a reduction on account of the expansion of the mercury is not possible, and consequently the only use which has been made of the record has been to exhibit the monthly extreme values, together with their annual variations. The barometric maxima reach their greatest value in December, and their least value in June. The minima occur in August. The monthly range is the greatest at the period of greatest cold, in January, and the least range at the period of greatest heat, in July.”

The coldest season ever experienced here was probably in the winter of 1780–81. It was, however, nearly, if not quite, as cold in 1751. As early as January 14 of that year (1751), Parson Smith gives an account of an excursion he took with his wife and others from Falmouth to Brunswick *on the ice*, “passing over Harrasicket Bay a-going, and venturing on their return to come directly from Brunswick across the Bay without Maquoit Island to New Casco,<sup>1</sup> and over thence to the Beach home.”<sup>2</sup> In 1780 Casco Bay was frozen over as far into the

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<sup>1</sup> Near where the United States Marine Hospital now stands at Falmouth Foreside.

<sup>2</sup> Smith's Journal.

sea as the island called the White Bull, and was travelled upon from *Harpswell to Portland*.

The mildest winter was that of 1838. On January 8, of this winter, David Johnson ploughed all day on Goat Island, Harpswell.

Destructive gales and thunder-storms have not been of exceptional frequency in this vicinity. The earliest one of any severity, of which mention has been found, occurred June 29, 1809, when there was a violent thunder-storm. The Gun House was struck by lightning, which struck also in twelve other places in that vicinity. On June 7, 1814, about 8 A. M., there was heard a report in the air resembling that of a gun, and gradually dying away. There was no storm at the time; it was doubtless the bursting of a meteor. April 1, 1815, various sized balls of snow were found in the woods. They were from less than one inch to fifteen inches in diameter, of an oval or globular shape, loose and uniform in texture, and very irregularly distributed. The tracks could be seen where they had been rolled over the surface of the snow by the wind. On May 7 and 21, 1816, there were severe thunder-storms. On the latter date the storm was accompanied with hail, the form of which was very remarkable. The hail-stones were in hexangular pyramids, sometimes half an inch in length. In some the base was almost transparent. On August 6, 1834, there was a severe thunder-shower, during which the vanes on Professor Cleaveland's and Captain Given's barns were struck by lightning. August 20, 1835, there was a severe hail-storm, and hail-stones which measured three inches in diameter were picked up at Mustard's tavern. September 3, 1845, there was a violent thunder-shower, during which Common's Hall was struck by lightning. May 6, 1850, there was also a violent storm. The lightning struck Captain Minot's buildings at Mair Point, and in several other places. February 18, 1853, probably the severest storm of all occurred. The lightning struck in over twenty different localities; among others, Deacon Perkins's house on the island in Topsham. October 30, 1866, the steeple of the First Parish Meeting-House in Brunswick was blown off.

In 1869, on September 7, a terrible gale began at seven o'clock P. M., and lasted for several hours. In the Lemont woods fourteen trees were blown down in one spot, and over two hundred trees were blown down in David Marriner's woods. A large number were also prostrated in Topsham. The depot woodshed in Brunswick, and two chimneys on the Medical College, were also blown over. A great deal of damage was done, of which the above constituted but a small portion. August 16, 1867, there was another severe storm,



during which seven and one half inches of rain fell. Seventy-five feet of an embankment on the Androscoggin railroad in Topsham was washed out. It was twenty-five feet deep. July 15, 1868, a severe thunder-storm occurred, during which two houses and a barn in Brunswick, and an old wooden warehouse in Topsham, were struck by lightning. June 23, 1874, the Jordan House in Brunswick was struck by lightning.

Accounts have been preserved of some ten shocks of earthquake which have occurred here since the first settlement of Brunswick. The first and severest was the one which was felt throughout New England, and is called the "Great Earthquake." It happened on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1755, at about a quarter past four o'clock A. M. The undulation of the earth's surface in this vicinity was so violent as to rock houses, and throw down chimneys, log fences, and crockery from the shelves. The chimney of Reverend Mr. Dunlap's house fell in, and some of his children narrowly escaped injury. The inhabitants generally were greatly alarmed, and viewed the occurrence as an omen of evil. Reverend Mr. Dunlap preached a sermon with especial reference to this event.<sup>1</sup> The other earthquakes were much less severe, though some of them were sufficient to cause a degree of trepidation amongst the timid. They occurred Nov. 22, 1755; June 12, 1805, at 7.30 A. M.; June 26, 1808, at 2.51 P. M.; Nov. 28, 1814, at 7 P. M.; the oscillations moved from north to south, lasted fifty seconds, and were followed by an explosion; May 23, 1817, at 3 P. M., — lasted one minute; March 7, 1823, at 10 A. M.; July 25, 1828, at 6 A. M.; Aug. 26, 1829, at 9 P. M. and at 9.15 P. M.; and Oct. 17, 1860.

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

## CHAPTER II.

## MUNICIPAL HISTORY OF BRUNSWICK.

THE town of Brunswick first received its name legally, in the year 1717, when it was incorporated as a township. This name was probably given to the town in honor of the house of Brunswick, to which family the then king of Great Britain belonged. The reason for this presumption is, that this town, being earlier settled and incorporated than any of the other nine or ten towns of the same name in the United States, could not have been named after either of them, and as there were, so far as known, no Germans among the earlier settlers here, it was hardly likely to have been named for the German city.

## UNDER COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

[1717.] The vote of the General Court, constituting Brunswick a township, was passed on the third of May, 1717, and provided "That y<sup>e</sup> Land Plotted for a Town from Pejepscot Falls to Maquoit in Casco Bay be Constituted A Township to be laid out the Quantity of Six miles Square as the Land will allow & to be Called by the name of Brunswick to be forth-with Settled in a Defensible Manner."<sup>1</sup>

This action of the General Court gave the settlers municipal rights similar to those of plantations of the present day. Thus, for instance, they held public meetings, raised money for their common welfare, and chose their own town officers. Records were kept by an officer styled the town clerk, who was the first time appointed by the proprietors, and afterwards elected by the people.

On the second of May, of this year, Lieutenant Joseph Heath was chosen by the proprietors "To be their Clark for the Town of Brunswick until the town is Qualified to make their own election and Sworn to the faithful Discharge of that Trust."<sup>2</sup>

The first meeting of the inhabitants was held November 3, 1717. The first election of town officers was in March, 1719, when Captain John Gyles, Thomas Wharton, James Starrat, John Cochran, and

<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, 1717.

<sup>2</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.*

Joseph Heath were chosen selectmen for the ensuing year. Joseph Heath was also chosen clerk and town treasurer, and Peter Haines, constable.

At a regular meeting of the inhabitants, held May 8, it was voted to purchase a *bos taurus* for the common benefit. It was also at this meeting voted, "That whereas Some of the Inhabitants of this Town have already Brought on Cattle & others expect to have some come before Winter, Therefore our first rate to our Minister shall be raised on Lotts & poles onley." <sup>1</sup>

Other meetings were held at different periods, at which action was taken relating chiefly to the support of a minister. The doings of those meetings will be found in the chapter upon Ecclesiastical History.

[1735.] In the year 1735 the inhabitants of Brunswick had become so numerous and felt so great need of a more perfect system in the management of their common concerns, that they made application to the government of Massachusetts for an Act of Incorporation as a town. The petition was as follows:—

"To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief. The Honourable His Majesties Councill, and the Honourable House of Representatives of his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts-Bay In New England In General Court assembled May 1735.

"The Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Brunswick in the County of York Humbly Sheweth — That your Petitioners being arrived to a competent number to transact Town affairs & in Expectation of having others very soon added to us, having now a commodious Meeting-House chiefly erected at the charge of the Proprietors, and having also obtained a pious & orthodox Minister to settle with us, we now find it necessary to be vested with Power to lay a Tax or assesment in order to raise money for his maintenance — Therefore your petitioners Humbly pray your Excelency and Honours that you will pleas to Erect us into a Township & vest us with the Power & authorities belonging to other Towns excepting only the Power of Granting & Disposing of Land, which we acknowledge to be in the Proprietors who placed us here — and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c." <sup>2</sup>

This petition was signed by John Rutherford, Anthony Vincent, James Dunning, David Dunning, Richard Flaherty, — an Irish school-teacher, — James McFarland, James Carter, William Gibson, Andrew

<sup>1</sup> *Brunswick Records, in Pejepscot Collection.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*



Dunning, Ebenezer Stanwood, Samuel Stanwood, David Giveen, James Henry, William Spear, John Giveen, Robert Giveen, Thomas Neal, Thomas Washburn, Samuel Lindsey, Reverend Robert Rutherford, Benjamin Larrabee, Samuel Clarke, Nehemiah Giffen,—a stranger.—Robert Spear, Sr., Robert Spear, Jr., Robert Dunlap, William Woodside, Jonathan Dunlap, John Linsay.

The legislature, June 20th of this same year, granted the request of the petitioners and enacted a bill in accordance therewith. This bill for some reason, however, failed to receive the signature of the governor, and did not therefore take effect.<sup>1</sup>

[1737.] On the 25th of May, 1737, another petition for incorporation was presented to the General Court, by Benjamin Larrabee, in behalf of the inhabitants of Brunswick, which set forth the reasons urged in the former petition and stated the fact of a bill having been enacted, which had failed to be valid on account of its wanting the governor's signature. The prayer of this petition was granted in the House of Representatives on the 24th of June, and concurred in by the Senate three days later. A bill was accordingly prepared, and at the next session of the General Court, January 26, 1738-9, the following Act was passed, and received the sanction of the governor:—

“ACT OF INCORPORATION OF BRUNSWICK.

ANNO REGNI REGIS GEORGIJ SECUNDI DUODECIMO.

AN ACT

For Erecting a Township in the County of York by the Name of Brunswick.

“*Whereas* there is a Competent Number of Inhabitants already settled upon a Tract of Land lying within the County of York hitherto called and known by the name of Brunswick containing the Quantity of about six miles square and lying convenient for a Township; and *whereas* said Inhabitants have humbly petitioned this Court, that in order to provide a Suitable Maintenance for the Minister Settled among them, they may be Erected into a Township, and vested with the Powers and Authorities belonging to other Towns. THEREFORE for encouragement of the said settlement

“*Be it Enacted* by his Excellency the Governor, Councill and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the Same. That the said Tract of Land described in a Plat now returned to this Court as follows:—

“Beginning at the mouth of a brook or Rivulet called Bungamunga-

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

noek, running into Maquoit Bay where it touches upon North Yarmouth line, and from the mouth of said Brook to run upon a course north northwest, half westerly five miles into the wilderness leaving a wedge or strip of Land between said line and North Yarmouth,<sup>1</sup> and from thence upon a course northeast four miles to the Second Falls of Amascoggin alias Androscoggen River from thence down said River by Fort George, and down Merry Meeting Bay so far as Stevens carrying Place including several small Islets lying in said River above Said Carrying Place, and over said Carrying Place to the head of the Creek or River that runs up to the other side of the said Carrying Place, thence down said creek or River to the mouth thereof, including an Island therein, and from the mouth of said River to run by the Waterside southwesterly to the Southwest point of a place called the New Meadows, thence to strike across the cove upon course north northwest, till it meets and intersects the upper end of Merryconeag Neck four rods above the Narrows of said Neck, commonly called the carrying place, thence to run along the Shore to a Neck of Land called Mair point, about a mile and a quarter down said Neck, thence to cross over said Mair point and Maquoit Bay, upon a course northwest till it comes to the place first above mentioned, be and henceforth shall be a Township to be called Brunswick and the Inhabitants thereof shall have and enjoy all such immunities, privileges and powers as Generally other Towns in this Province have and do by Law enjoy:—

“This Bill having been read three Several times in the House of Representatives Pass’d to be Enacted.

“[Signed] J. QUINCY, *Speaker*.

“This Bill, having been read three several times in Council, Pass’d to be Enacted.

“[Signed] SIMON FROST, *Dep’ty Sec’ry*.

“By his Excellency the Governour.

I consent to the Enacting this Bill.

“[Signed] J. BELCHER.

“Jan<sup>y</sup>. 26, 1738, Copy Exam<sup>d</sup>.

“[Signed] SIMON FROST, *Dep’ty Sec’ry*.”

Brunswick thus became the eleventh corporate town in Maine. At the same time that the foregoing was passed, the General Court also

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<sup>1</sup> Known as the “Gore.”

passed an Act authorizing and empowering Benjamin Larrabee, Esquire, "to warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble and meet together in some Sutable Place on the first Monday of March next, to choose a Moderator, Town Clerk, and other Town Officers for the year then next ensuing." The date of the incorporation of the town, it will be noticed, is given as Jan. 26, 1738. This is according to the old method of reckoning time. The date, according to the new style, would be Feb. 4, 1739.<sup>1</sup>

[1739.] There were six town meetings in 1739. The first meeting of this year, and the first under the Act of Incorporation, was held March 28th. At this meeting the following officers were chosen : —

Samuel Hinkley, Moderator and Town Clerk ; Captain Benjamin Larrabee, Samuel Hinkley, John Getchell, James Dunning, and David Dunning, Selectmen ; John Malkeon, John Barrows, Constables ; Thomas Washburn, William Vincent, Samuel Whitney, and James Howe, Tything-Men ; Captain William Woodside, Wimond Bradbury, John Whitney, and Joseph Berry, Surveyors of Highways ; Robert Spear and Cornelius Thompson, Fence-Viewers ; James Thompson, Town Treasurer ; John MacGregor and John McFarlin, Hog Constables ; Israel Mitchell and William Spear, Field-Drivers.

One hundred and fifty-three pounds and fifteen shillings were voted for town expenses for the year. At this meeting John Getchell, Robert Spear, Samuel Clark, James Thompson, Benjamin Parker, and Thomas Skolfield were chosen a committee to lay out highways for the convenience of the town.

Some proposition looking to the extermination of, or protection from wolves was doubtless made, as the town this year voted, "That the wolves should be left till further consideration."

In July it was voted, "That the Minister Shuld Preach att y<sup>e</sup> Southeast end of S<sup>d</sup> Town (att a place cal<sup>d</sup> Newmedows) according to what Rates and taxes they shall Pay towards the Support of the Ministry it being agreed upon by the whole Town."

Against this action of the town, however, a protest was entered by Benjamin Whitney, Jean Brown, and William Woodside.

A meeting held December 25th elected Captain Benjamin Larrabee a representative "to go to answer the presentment commenced against this town at the general Sessions of the Peace." It does not, however,

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<sup>1</sup> *Town Records, Vol. 1; also Pejepscot Papers.*



appear from the records what was the nature of the action against the town or by whom it was brought. Possibly it may have been in consequence of their being no provision made that year for a school, as the law was then obligatory upon all towns to make such provision.

On May 30, of this year, the inhabitants of Mair Point petitioned the General Court, since one half of that point was within the bounds of the township of North Yarmouth and was twenty-five miles distant from the meeting-house in that town, by land, and ten miles distant by sea, with two dangerous bays to be crossed, and since the northerly portion of the point was but two miles distant from Brunswick, that they might be set off from North Yarmouth and annexed to the town of Brunswick. An Act was passed, granting this privilege, which took effect, October 2d following.

[1740.] The total appropriation for defraying the expenses of the town in 1740 was £248 16s. 0d. Of this amount £150 was for the salary of Reverend Mr. Rutherford, and £80 for support of a school-master, leaving but £18 for contingent expenses. It was also voted this year to raise £200 as a settlement for Mr. Rutherford, "if he lives and dies minister of Brunswick," and a little more than one fourth of this amount was to be raised that year. The town voted not to send any representative this year to the General Court, and also voted to allow *hogs* to run at large, provided they were properly yoked and ringed.

Harpswell Neck was this year set off from North Yarmouth and annexed to Brunswick as an "adjacent,"<sup>1</sup> but was soon after set back again.

[1742.] There were five meetings of the town this year. At the annual meeting in March, £246 was raised for current expenses, £150 of which was for the support and £66 for the settlement of the minister.

At a meeting held May 15th, Mr. Henry Gibbs, a freeholder and resident in town, was admitted as "an inhabitant thereof," and he was, at the same meeting, elected to represent the town at the General Court. This action was evidently not the will of a majority of the voters of the town, as another meeting for the choice of a representative was held on the 29th of June, and "it being put to vote whether to send one or not it was passed in the negative."

Several matters pertaining to the vacant lands came up for discussion this year, and at a subsequent meeting it was voted, "That all

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<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, 1740, p. 251; also 303.

the vacant Land one the east side of the Maine Rode that butts one Brunswick falls Runing from s<sup>d</sup> falls a Loung the Shore till it coms to the south corner of the Cove near s<sup>d</sup> falls thence running a south Corse to the Rode that Leades to the Landing place; to lay common for convenency of Landing botes and cornews [boats and canoes] and for the Uce of the Inhabetence of the Town of Brunswick forever."

It was also, at the same meeting, voted "that all that corner of vacant land from the southwest corner of Fort George, thence running a west course till it comes to the river, thence down said river till it comes to the main road, thence along said road to the place of beginning," be left in common for the privilege of a grist mill and "for the Uce of the Inhabatence of the Town of Brunswick forever."

The selectmen this year petitioned the General Court for an abatement of the tax assessed upon the town. The reasons for this request are best given in the petition itself, which is as follows:—

"TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHNATHAN BELCHER ESQ<sup>R</sup>. CAP<sup>T</sup>. GENERALL AND GOVERNOUR IN CHIEF, THE HONOURABLE HIS MAJESTIES COUNCILL AND THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS MAJESTIES PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY IN NEW ENGLAND IN GENERALL COURT ASSEMBLED MAY, 1741.

"THE PETITION OF US THE SUBSCRIBERS SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF YORK.

HUMBLY SHEWETH.

"That the Great and Generall Court were pleased to lay a tax of Thirty pounds (New tenner) upon the town of Brunswick which they are very unable to pay, and the Constables of S<sup>d</sup> Town has Collected but a very small part by reason of their great poverty, for the Greater part of the Settlers have not been able, (as yet) to pay for their lots of land of one Hundred Acres Each which they have taken of the Proprietors tho at a Reasonable price, for the best lots do not exceed five shillings per acre, & other lots not above half so much, & tho some have lived upon S<sup>d</sup> lots, more than ten years, & some near twenty, yet by Reason of our Great Poverty & being often allarmed with the Rumour of Warr, & being often disturbed by the Insulting Indians, and many times are oblidged to Garrison our houses, which is very expensive, and always oblidged to be well provided with arms & aminition, or Retire to other places of Safety with our familys & Cattle, & so oblidged to neglect our Husbandry whereby our familys have greatly sufered & have been Impoverished, and many families not being able to raize their own Provisions, are beholden to other parts of the Province for them, & in these times of rumour of Warr do the

duty of Souldiers, in Defending ourselves & neighbours, we being a frontier town, & so of service to the Province, the fort being Remote from the greatest part of the Inhabitants which Cant be avoided, for the benefit of Husbandry, which Fort is a Great terror to the Indians and keeps them in some aw, yet they oftentimes Insults us in our private houses & when they are in any want of victuals, they kill our Cattle, which keeps us under fears & Discouragements, therefore your Petitioners Humbly pray that this Honourable Court would take the premisses into your wise Consideration and abate the tax laid upon the town of Brunswick for the year 1740, and Excuse S<sup>d</sup> Town from paying Province taxes, for some time to come which will greatly incourage the Inhabitants to settle the remote parts of the Province where they can at present, (but with Great Difficulty) get a living, & Defend themselves & neighbours in these Exposed parts, tho the Greater part of the Inhabitants are not able to pay for the lots of land they are settled upon, The Honourable Courts compassion will greatly Incourage the Eastern Settlements, & by the smiles of Heaven, in a few years, may become a usefull part of the Province and by their Industry enabled cheerfully to pay such rates & taxes as shall be laid upon them for the future, and as in Duty bound your Petitioners shall ever pray.<sup>1</sup>

"SAM <sup>ll</sup> HINCKLEY.	} <i>Selectmen.</i> "
ROBERT SPEER.	
DAVID DUNING.	

[1742.] The town in 1742, for the first time, sent a representative to "the Great and General Court," and David Dunning was elected to fill the office.

[1743.] Two boards of selectmen were chosen in 1743. At the annual meeting held in March, Isaac Snow, Samuel Hinkley, and Wymond Bradbury were chosen selectmen. There was some informality, however, about this meeting, A protest was made against it as illegal, by Captain William Woodside, James Dunning, Robert Finney, Robert Spear, David Dunning, David Giveen, and Samuel Clark, and the General Court ordered another meeting to be held on the 30th of August. This latter meeting "being purged of all illegal voters," an election of town officers was had, and Captain John Minot, Eben Stanwood, and James Dunning were chosen selectmen and David Dunning, representative. At this meeting Wymond Bradbury was authorized to provide a pair of stocks for the town.

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers, original document.*



The decision of the General Court in regard to the illegality of the *first* meeting was based on the fact that the meeting was not legally warned, and that the assessors were not under oath when they took the valuation of the town.<sup>1</sup>

[1744.] The Court of General Sessions for the County of York, having decided that the special meeting of the town, held by order of the General Court in August, 1743, was likewise illegal, a new election was ordered and had, January 17, 1744, at which a new board of town officers was chosen to serve out the unexpired portion of the fiscal year. Thomas Skolfield, Ebenezer Stanwood, and James Dunning were elected selectmen.

At the annual meeting in March, a new board of selectmen was chosen for the ensuing year. No representative to the General Court was chosen. A committee was chosen at this meeting, to examine all the accounts of the town since its incorporation, and to settle all its affairs, and it was voted to raise no money for town purposes until the committee had reported. The committee were Deacon Samuel Hinkley, Captain William Woodside, James Thompson, and Robert Finney, and they were authorized to call in to their assistance, if necessary, Mr. Samuel Dinne (Denny?), of Georgetown. This committee, in December, brought in a full and detailed report of all moneys which had been received by the town treasurer, and of what had been disbursed by him, together with a statement of what was due the town from all sources; with recommendations for the payment of various sums claimed from the town for services rendered, etc. Among these items was one of six pounds due Deacon Samuel Hinkley "for ten days going after a minister to supply the town," and another of £3 10s. for a "constable's staff." The report of the committee was accepted.

At a special meeting of the town in May, a committee was chosen to secure "a schoolmaster upon as reasonable terms as possible." At this meeting Deacon Samuel Hinkley was chosen "a commissioner to appear at the Great and General Court held at Boston, to prefer a petition or petitions in behalf of the town." He was to receive his instructions from a committee consisting of the selectmen, and David Dunning, Ebenezer Stanwood, and Robert Finney. His compensation was to be 12s. per day and £5 for expenses. For what object a petition was to be presented does not appear from the records. It was, however, in all probability, in reference to an unfortunate differ-

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<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, 1743, p. 99.

ence that had arisen between the town and the proprietors. The latter were exempt from taxation, and refused to assist in making the county roads which passed through their lands.<sup>1</sup> The result was that the passions of the people were excited in relation to the matter, and the town, believing that unoccupied land might be taken and sold for public purposes, very injudiciously granted one hundred acres of land each to Deacon Samuel Hinkley, Timothy Tibbets, Cypron Cornish, and Aaron Hinkley, it being stipulated in each grant, "Provided, that he make improvement on said land in defiance of the proprietors, Henry Gibbs & Company, and begin said settlement in three years from date hereof by building, fencing and improving, except he or they (his heirs) be put off by an enemy." This trouble between the town and the proprietors was after some years amicably adjusted.

The taxation bore so heavily upon the people at this time that the town voted not to exempt even the "listed soldiers of the inhabence" from payment.

[1745.] The town this year voted to pay an annual salary of fifteen shillings to the town treasurer, as a compensation for his services.

The committee appointed in 1744 to receive the town money from the constables, and to settle all the accounts of the town, having made no report of their doings subsequent to the report of December of that year, the selectmen were directed to call them to an account, and to ascertain what money had been received and disbursed by them and what remained due to the town, and to report at the next town meeting.

[1746.] The selectmen were unable to make any settlement of the financial affairs of the town with the committee who had been appointed as receivers, and accordingly in February, 1746, "Robert Finney was elected a Commissioner to the next Court of General Sessions in order to get the Report of the Committee chosen to end all debates and adjust all accounts appertaining to the town since it has been erected into a town." Finney was to be allowed twelve shillings per day for his services. The purpose for which he was appointed, as stated in the vote of election given above, may have been to obtain a writ of mandamus against the town committee to compel them to do their duty, or it may have been to have a decision upon the merits of the question made by the Court.

At this same meeting, David Dunning was elected a commissioner to appear at the General Court in Boston, to prefer a petition in

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

behalf of the town. He was to receive his instructions from a committee consisting of Robert Spear, David Giveen, and Robert Finney, and was to receive £5 for his services and to be allowed £4 for his expenses. In the absence of any evidence in the matter, it is to be presumed that the object of the petition was the same as of the one presented the next year, and that, for some reason, this petition was never presented, or if presented was not acted upon.

The town also voted at this meeting to raise no money for current expenses, until that already assessed had been paid in by the constables to the receivers appointed by the town.

[1747.] At the annual meeting in March, 1747, the town voted "to apply to the General Court for protection" against the Indians, and David Dunning was chosen to prepare a petition in behalf of the town, under instructions from Ebenezer Stanwood, John Getchel, and Thomas Skolfield. He was to receive £9 for his services. This petition was, in all probability, favorably considered by the General Court, as the whole region from Wells to Topsham was at this time infested with savages.<sup>1</sup> At all events, it was either considered and acted upon, or else previous action on the matter had already been taken, for in May following, Captain Jordan was stationed at Topsham with thirty men.<sup>2</sup>

[1748.] The town, at its annual meeting in March, 1748, voted to send a petition, signed by the selectmen in behalf of the town, to the General Court, requesting to have Western men sent there for soldiers, instead of calling upon the inhabitants of Brunswick and its vicinity.

The financial affairs of the town were still in an unsettled condition, and consequently a committee was chosen at a special town meeting held in May, "to shew<sup>3</sup> the Receiver and Treasurer that refuse to pay in the town's money according to vote of the town, and said committee is instructed to make up accounts with all or any person who have any legal demands on the town."

The town, moreover, at this meeting chose Deacon Samuel Hinkley, Lieutenant Ebenezer Stanwood, and Robert Finney a committee to appear in behalf of the town at the quarter sessions for the county of York, to be held in October following, "to recover the town's legal debts and prosecute any person in whose hands the town's money may be found not paid out in the town's legal debts."

In October of this year the selectmen assessed £50 on the citizens as a town fund, and to pay a premium for wolves' heads.

<sup>1</sup> Williamson, *History of Maine*, 2, p. 252.

<sup>2</sup> Smith's *Journal*, p. 129.

<sup>3</sup> i. e., to instruct.



[1749.] The town, at a special meeting in January, 1749, appointed Ensign William Vincent to inspect the fishery at Brunswick and to regulate the same according to instructions from the selectmen.

A proposition was also made at this time to petition the General Court for the annexation to Brunswick of the precinct of Topsham. The question was laid on the table for consideration at a future meeting.

[1750.] At the annual meeting in March, 1750, the town voted a present of £40, old tenor, to Reverend Mr. Dunlap, and voted to take up a contribution four times a year for the support of the Widow Mitchell. In May the town voted to raise £40, *lawful money*, for Reverend Mr. Dunlap. £26 13s. 4d. of this amount was to pay his salary and the balance to be a gratuity. It was also voted to raise £21 6s. 0d., lawful money, of which £13 6s. 8d. was for Mr. Dunlap's settlement, £5 6s. 8d. to make good the town stock of ammunition, and £2 13s. 4d. for other town expenses. The town declined this year to raise any money for a schoolmaster.

[1751.] At a town meeting in February, 1751, a committee was appointed to have the care and control of the common lands of the town, with authority to assess damages upon trespassers and to prosecute all such claims should recourse to law become necessary. It was also voted to add £13 6s. 8d. lawful money, to the salary of Reverend Mr. Dunlap, "providing he will take his pay in such specie as the town can pay him in at the market price, otherwise Mr. Dunlap must adhere to his first agreement with the town."

A bounty of £1 was offered by the town for each wolf killed by traps or pits within the limits of the town. It was also voted to raise £40, lawful money, in such specie as the town can produce in *lumber*, at the market price, and also to raise £8 in cash, to pay the minister's salary, £3 6s. 8d. for "Granny Mitchell," and £4 13s. 4d. for town expenses.

[1752.] At the annual town meeting £4 was voted to Robert Smart "for building a pair of stocks and whipping-post at our meeting house."

This year the town records begin to be double dated, in consequence of an Act of Parliament adopting the new style of reckoning time. As the difference between the old and new methods of reckoning time is now so generally understood, it is unnecessary here to enter into any explanation of the matter. The records appear to be double dated from the first, but this is probably due to the interpolation of the second dates by some later town clerk. The previous

dates in this book have all been old style, but what follow will all be according to the new style.

[1753.] At the annual town meeting in March, 1753, a vote was passed to petition the General Court for power to tax the lands in town belonging to non-resident proprietors, unless they should speedily grant some satisfactory assistance to the inhabitants to enable them "to finish the Meeting house, settle the Minister and defray other publick charges." This vote was reconsidered at the October meeting, and it was then voted to delay action upon it until the following spring. At this October meeting Captain David Dunning was appointed a commissioner, in behalf of the town, to join the other towns in the county in signing a petition to have the county divided.

The town also voted to raise £10, in lawful money, for a supply of ammunition and £20, old tenor, for the relief of Widow Mitchell.

The ratable polls in Brunswick at this time were about eighty.<sup>1</sup>

[1754.] The town, in 1754, voted to raise £55 for current expenses, "to be paid in lumber landed in Boston on or before September 1st."

At the annual meeting in March, the question of taxing the lands of non-resident proprietors again came up, but the town then voted not to petition the General Court, at that time, for power to assess these lands, on account of the anticipation of a war. In September, however, the town voted that their representative should prefer such a petition to the General Court, and suitable instructions were accordingly given, October 1st, to John Minot, Esquire, by a committee consisting of Samuel Hinkley, David Dunning, James Thompson, and Samuel Stanwood, who were appointed for that purpose.

Those instructions were, in brief, that he should, with the assistance of an able lawyer, draw up a petition to the General Court, in which it should be stated that the town had undergone much difficulty and its settlement been retarded by reason "of the wars and incursions of the enemy"; that the town had not equal privileges with other towns, which could sell or grant vacant lands for public uses, whereas those who were settled upon lands derived from proprietors could not do so. For this reason, the petition was to state further that the town prayed "for power to rate the non-resident Proprietors' land for the sum of £200 for the following uses."

1. For finishing the meeting-house.
2. For the settlement of their minister.
3. For establishing a school in the town.

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<sup>1</sup> *Memorandum on cover of Brunswick Records, in Pejepscot Collection.*

4. To help clear and keep good the county road through the proprietors' lands; which, "if it should be insisted upon to make it a complete road would take the bigger part of said money."

The representative was also instructed that in case the proprietors would give security for the payment of £100 for the above-mentioned uses, he was authorized to withdraw his petition.<sup>1</sup>

[1755.] In 1755 the town passed the following votes:—

To pay John Orr £1, lawful money, "for collecting the Province rate at Topsham for 1752," and to pay William Spear an annual salary of 6s. "for sweeping the meeting-house, locking doors, and taking care of the key."

The town decided not to petition the General Court for the annexation of Topsham this year.

The vote of the town in 1744, in regard to taxing soldiers, seems not to have been fully enforced, as instructions were this year given to the *former* constables of the town to proceed according to law to collect the taxes which had been assessed upon the officers and soldiers belonging to Fort George. Against this action of the town John Orr, John Smart, James Ellet, Samuel Clark, and Thomas Skolfield entered their dissent and protest.

The selectmen this year sent the following petition to the General Court, applying for military relief:—

*"PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY.*

"TO HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM SHIRLEY ESQ. CAPTAIN GENERAL AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF SAID PROVINCE, THE HON<sup>BLE</sup> HIS MAJESTYS COUNCILL, AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> 1756.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF  
BRUNSWICK

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

"That in Consequence of a Memorial presented to this Court at their Sessions in May last representing the exposed circumstances of said Town by reason of the Enemy, this Hon<sup>d</sup> Court was pleased to order 14 men out of Capt. Samuel Goodwin's Company to scout on the back of the Inhabitants from Fort George to Maquoit untill the further Order of this Court; the Benefitt of which they enjoyed but a very short time, not more than two weeks, when the aforesaid Order was superceeded on the Petition of Thomas Hancock Esq and others and

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*



on the 7th July it was ordered by this Court that said 14 men be returned to said Company again by which means the Inhabitants at this Critical Season of their Husbandry are greatly exposed to the Incursions of the Indian enemy. As the former Memorial was in behalf of a Garrison situate near the meeting house on the main road from Maquoit necessary for the entertainment of Expresses, or any other Travellers in time of Warr kept by M<sup>r</sup> Robert Speer who is greatly advanced in age, and very decrepid, the support of which Garrison would be a kind of Barrier to the Inhabitants, and a great Security to the House of Publick Worship, these & many other reasons that might be urged in favour of said Garrison, induced your Memorialists then to apply to this Hon<sup>d</sup> Court for such Relief as should in their Wisdom seem meet.

“And we now again humbly apply ourselves to this Hon<sup>d</sup> Court in behalf of said Town, and the afore<sup>sd</sup> Garrison that they would be pleased to give such further Direction for their Relief as that they may be enabled to pursue their Husbandry without that Danger to which they might otherwise be exposed.

“And your Memorialists as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c.<sup>1</sup>

“THOMAS SKOLFIELD, } *Selectmen of*  
SAM’L STANWOOD, } *Brunswick.*”

[1757.] In February, 1757, John Getchell and Captain David Dunning were appointed commissioners “to represent to the Colonel of this Regiment the difficult circumstances of this town, and to try for an abatement of the men he has sent for.” This regiment was Colonel Ezekiel Cushing’s at Falmouth.<sup>2</sup>

The first set of weights and measures for sealing purposes was purchased this year.

The number of polls in Brunswick at this time was ninety-two, and in the adjacent region it was eighty-one, of which number thirty-two were in that portion of Harpswell included within the boundary lines of North Yarmouth and Brunswick, and forty-nine were in Topsham.<sup>3</sup>

[1758.] This year the selectmen were instructed by the town “to acquaint the Honorable Board for levelling the province tax, concerning the adjacents that are taken of us.” Harpswell was this year incorporated as a distinct town.

[1760.] In compliance with an order of the General Court, a committee was chosen by the town, in 1760, to communicate to the session

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Massachusetts Records, Vol. 21.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

of the legislature to be held in Boston, on the first Tuesday of May, 1761, their desire that Brunswick might be comprehended in the new county of which it was desired that Falmouth might be the shire town. The various petitions sent in had the desired effect, and on June 19th, of this year, the county of York was divided into three counties, the most western one retaining the name of York, and the other two being named Cumberland and Lincoln, of which the latter was the most eastern. The dividing line between these two last commenced at the mouth of the New Meadows River, extended up that river to Stevens's Carrying-Place at its head, thence to and upon Merry-meeting Bay, and up the Androscoggin thirty miles. Owing to this division, Topsham came into Lincoln County.

It was voted this year that hereafter the eastern and western portions of the town "repair their own roads, and that the eastern end of the great pitch pine plains be the partition between each end of the town." Three shillings per day was allowed for men, and two shillings for each yoke of oxen employed upon the roads. £26 13s. 4d. was raised this year for the schoolmaster, and £45 for a town stock of ammunition.

[1761.] John Minot was requested by the town this year to urge upon the General Court the propriety of taxing the lands of non-residents, but he was unable to accomplish anything, because, as he says in a letter to "Gentlemen and neighbors," dated May 22, "upon the Carpet there was nothing but the Bloody Sword drawn forth by our bitter enemys & no man living then could give any judgment where or how things would end."<sup>1</sup>

The petition of the selectmen in 1760, desiring the General Court to include Brunswick in the new county to be established, was considered in council, June 16, and dismissed, it appearing that the whole town was already in the county of Cumberland.<sup>2</sup>

[1762.] A petition from a number of the residents at New Meadows, for separation from the western part of Brunswick, was this year presented to the General Court, and the following letter was sent to the proprietors:—

"BOSTON, May y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>, 1762

"GENTLEMEN

"I with a number of the Inhabitation of Brunswick Have Pettitioned the Court to have that Part of said town Called New Meadows, made

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

into a seperate Distrect — for we find by Longe expereance that it is Imposable for us to Injoy the preaching of the Gosple while together — We likewise want to be Joyned to the Lower County as we can then attend Court with Greater ease and less Charge — as we have had our Lands from you, gentlemen, and as I Have endeavored to serve the Intrest of your Company so far as it was in my power; and am ready still to do so — and tho' it was but Lettel I Could or Can do to serve you — yet Gentlemen I have some reason to Hope that you will look on my Honest Intentions to serve you to be equal to the thing, shall therefore request of you Gentlemen who have a Seat in the general Court to use your Intrest in favor of said Pettition, and you Gentlemen that Have no Seat in that Honourable House, I must also beg of you not to say anything to its predigune. In the mean while Gentlemen I remain

“Your most obedient Humble Servant

“AARON HINKLEY.<sup>1</sup>

“TO BELCHER NOYES ESQ.

*Clerk of the Pejepscot Company*

*to be communicated”*

[1763.] The town in 1763 again voted to petition the General Court to have the lands of non-resident proprietors taxed, and also that this petition should be signed by the selectmen and town clerk, and that some gentleman in Boston should be employed to present it and to speak in behalf of the town. It was also voted to set off and sell thirteen pews on the floor, and sixteen pews in the gallery, of the west meeting-house, “the oldest inhabitants that have no pews to have the preference in buying said pews,” and the proceeds of the sale to go towards defraying the expenses of repairing and finishing the meeting-house.

[1766.] January 13, 1766, John Miller, his wife Jane, and his daughter Margret. and their families, were warned to leave town, in accordance with law, to prevent the possibility of their coming upon the town for assistance. Since this was, doubtless, the Reverend Mr. Miller who was settled three or four years before over the First Parish, it shows that the town paid no respect to persons in this matter, but served all alike who had no visible pecuniary means of support. This law was enforced here as late as 1792.

[1767.] The town this year voted to pay Mr. Hunt three dollars for building a new pair of stocks. This is the first mention made of *dollars* in the town records.

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*



The town also voted sixteen shillings per year for a sexton for the west meeting-house, and two dollars per year for one for the east meeting-house.

[1768.] At a meeting held September 22d, Aaron Hinkley was elected a delegate from Brunswick "to join the committee at Boston in order to consult and advise such measures as should be thought best for the peace and safety of his Majesty's subjects in this Province," and Thomas Skolfield, Isaac Snow, Captain Dunning, Samuel Thompson, and William Woodside, Jr., were appointed a committee to furnish him with instructions. By the term "committee" in the above extract from the records must be meant the Provincial Convention of delegates, which commenced its session that very day at Boston, in place of the General Court, which the governor had refused to convene without the consent of his Majesty, the king. The invitation to send a delegate from Brunswick was not received until two days before the convention met.<sup>1</sup>

[1771.] In 1771 Aaron Hinkley, Isaac Snow, and Thomas Skolfield were chosen a committee "to answer the petition that the selectmen of Topsham put into the General Court in May last." This petition was to have the boundary line between the two towns so defined as to give the islands in the river to Topsham.

[1774.] The selectmen were instructed, in 1774, to lay out the 1,000 acres of Commons, and have a plan made of the same, in order that a deed of it could be obtained from the proprietors.

It was voted, at the annual meeting, to again petition the General Court for power to tax land belonging to non-residents.

At a meeting held August 3d, "the town took under consideration the difficulties of the Province, and unanimously agreed to the non-importing of English goods, until the matter in dispute between Great Britain and her colonies be reconciled."

The selectmen were directed to ascertain the quantity of ammunition the town had in stock, and to purchase, if necessary, a new supply. The port of Boston having been closed by Act of Parliament on account of the seizure of the tea, it was thought best to assist that town by subscription.

At a meeting held on the seventeenth of September, Captain Moulton, Samuel Stanwood, and Samuel Thompson were chosen a committee "to meet the Falmouth committee that are to meet at Falmouth, on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of September, instant, to consider

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<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, Manuscript Lecture.*

what measures will be best to adopt for the good of the country and town."

At a meeting of the town held on the seventeenth of November, the proceedings of the Continental Congress and of the Provincial Congress were read. The Provincial Congress had passed a resolution which was, in substance, that the inhabitants of the Province should immediately provide themselves with arms and ammunition, and should use their utmost diligence to perfect themselves in military skill; and if any town was not provided with a full stock of ammunition, according to law, that the selectmen of such town should take effectual care without delay to provide the same.<sup>1</sup> The Provincial Congress also appointed Henry Gardner, Esquire, of Stow, receiver-general of all moneys for the use of the Province.<sup>2</sup>

The town, accordingly, adopted a resolution, "that it be our opinion that it is very proper to choose Militia officers in this town forthwith and act agreeably to the directions in the Provincial Congress." An election of militia officers then took place; Samuel Thompson being chosen captain, Robert Dunning, lieutenant, Thomas Thompson, ensign, and Stephen Getchell, clerk. A resolution was also adopted, "That the money voted in May last by our representatives be paid in to Henry Gardner, Esq., of Stow. and that, if any other or former collectors have any Province money in their hands that they pay the same to the said Henry Gardner, Esq."

Brunswick was represented in the Provincial Congress by Samuel Thompson.

The Continental Congress at Philadelphia, on the twentieth of October, entered into an association or agreement, providing for the non-importation of goods, wares, or merchandise from Great Britain, Ireland, or other of the British possessions; also, providing for the non-consumption of such articles, and for the non-exportation of home products. There were also articles abolishing the slave-trade; providing for improvement in the breed of sheep, and to prevent their being killed, unnecessarily, for food; encouraging frugality, economy, and industry, and looking to the promotion of agriculture, the arts, and manufactures in this country, and discountenancing every species of extravagance; guarding against extortion on the part of traders on account of the scarcity of goods, etc. The eleventh article, to which allusion is made below, was, in substance, that a committee should be chosen in every town to observe the conduct of all persons, and when

<sup>1</sup> *American Archives, Fourth Series, Vol. 1, p. 852.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid., p. 851.*

the committee were satisfied that any person had violated the provisions of the agreement, the truth should be published in the *Gazette*, "to the end that all such foes to the rights of British Americans may be publicly known & universally contemned, as the enemies of American Liberty: and thenceforth we will break off all dealings with him or her."<sup>1</sup> These proceedings having been read in full to the meeting, the town resolved, "that the proceedings of the Grand Congress be adopted and much applauded by this town, quite unanimous," and Tobias Ham, Nathaniel Larrabee, James Curtis, Samuel Stanwood, Ebenezer Stanwood, and Thomas Thompson were elected "a committee to see to the due observance of the eleventh article in the proceedings of the Grand Congress."

There is on file a warrant of this year, in his Majesty's name, calling the voters to choose a representative to the legislature at Salem, but no meeting was held, as the citizens no longer recognized the royal authority.<sup>2</sup>

[1775.] At a meeting of the town held January 10, 1775, the proceedings of the Provincial Congress, at Concord, in December, were unanimously approved, with the exception of the article relating to "storing the goods after the tenth of October next," in regard to which article the vote was seventy-nine yeas and twelve nays.

A vote was also passed "that if a Number out of the several companies of militia should list as minute men," then each town ought "to make them such reasonable satisfaction as shall be thought proper by the town where they belong" Samuel Thompson, who was now a colonel, was elected as delegate to the Provincial Congress.

At a meeting held March 9, Benjamin Stone, Nathaniel Larrabee, James Curtis, Deacon Stanwood, and Aaron Hinkley, Esquire, were elected "a Committee of safety to consult what they shall think best at this crisis and make report at the adjournment of this meeting."

At a meeting held six days later, in the west meeting-house, the town voted "to pay Henry Gardner Esq. all the Province Money in the hands of the collectors of the town, agreeable to the advice of our Congress."

At a meeting held April 27, Aaron Hinkley, Deacon Samuel Stanwood, Benjamin Stone, Captain Curtis, and Captain William Stanwood, Jr., were chosen a Committee of Correspondence and also a Committee of Supplies, to provide ammunition and whatever else was thought necessary for the safety of the town.

<sup>1</sup> *American Archives, Fourth Series, Vol. 1, p. 915.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*



At a subsequent meeting, Reverend John Miller, Benjamin Rideout, Gideon Owens, Joseph Melcher, Joseph Allen, Colonel Samuel Thompson, David Brown, George Hayden, Benjamin Hinkley, and Benjamin Larrabee were added to "the Committee of Inspection," as the Committee of Safety was also designated. Samuel Thompson was elected delegate to the Provincial Congress, from Brunswick and Harpswell, and he was to serve for one year after the last Wednesday in the following May. The selectmen were instructed to inform the Committee on Supplies why the town did not comply with their request in regard to coats, etc., for the army.

At a meeting held on the fourth Tuesday in May, it was voted that the powder and flints provided by the town should be equally divided to each man in town, and the town was to pay the cost of procuring the powder; and "if the men who enlist under Captain Curtis should be called away, for them to carry their ammunition with them." A patrol was established this year, under the direction of the officers of the militia.

In consequence of the public distress and the grievousness of the taxes, Reverend Mr. Miller and Mr. John Farren, the schoolmaster, voluntarily gave up a portion of their salaries, and Thomas Skolfield and Nathaniel Larrabee, two of the selectmen, served the town in that capacity gratuitously.

[1776.] At the annual meeting in March, 1776, James Curtis, Samuel Stanwood, Thomas Thompson, Andrew Dunning, and Nathaniel Larrabee were chosen a Committee "of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety."

At a subsequent meeting, held May 27, it was voted "to send a petition to the Great and General Court," and the selectmen, together with the Committee of Correspondence and Samuel Thompson, now a brigadier-general, Thomas Skolfield, and Thomas Cotton, were elected a committee to draft the petition. What the object of this petition was has not been ascertained. Deacon Samuel Stanwood was chosen a commissioner to present this petition at the General Court.

A meeting was held May 31st at which "It was unanimously voted that if the Honourable Congress should, for the safety of the United Colonies, Declare themselves Independent of the King of Great Britain, that they will solemnly engage with their lives and fortunes to support the Congress in that measure." The selectmen were instructed to deliver the powder that was brought by Brigadier Thompson to the captains of the militia, for them to deliver to the men, when necessary. Brigadier Thompson received fifty, and Deacon Samuel

Stanwood thirty-nine votes for representative to the General Court, and the town then voted to send them both, — they agreeing to serve for half-fees.

At a meeting held December 24th, “after due consideration on a Resolve of the Great and General Court of this State, dated September 17, 1776,” it was voted, “That the present House of Representatives of this State, with the Council, should consult and agree on some form of Government that shall most conduce to the safety, peace, and happiness of this State in all after generations.”

Brigadier Samuel Thompson was chosen to represent the wishes of the town at the General Court, agreeably to the above-mentioned resolve.

[1777.] At a special town meeting, held in February, 1777, Deacon Snow and Captain Robert Dunning were elected to fill the places of Deacon Stanwood and Captain Curtis, and at the annual meeting, March 4, Major Nathaniel Larrabee, Doctor Samuel Dunken, Captain Robert Dunning, Robert Spear, and Andrew Dunning were chosen a Committee of Correspondence, etc.

At a meeting held May 22, Thomas Skolfield was elected a recognizee, *i. e.*, an officer empowered to take recognizances. The selectmen were instructed to execute the law “concerning monopoly and oppression.” Notwithstanding the exciting and trying circumstances connected with the war of Revolution then going on, the citizens were not unmindful of the interests of education, for the town voted to have a school this year and to pay a schoolmaster £30. A committee was at this time appointed to procure a teacher.

At a meeting held on the twenty-seventh day of November, in pursuance of an Act of the General Court, entitled “An Act for supplying the Families of the Soldiers in the Continental Service,” the town voted to supply the families of the men thus engaged, agreeably to the aforesaid resolve. For this purpose, £20 were voted and Benjamin Stone, Samuel Stanwood, James Curtis, Nathaniel Larrabee, and Robert Dunning were elected a committee to attend to its disbursement.

[1778.] At the annual meeting of the town in March, 1778, it was voted to allow Mr. Josiah Simpson eight pounds and four shillings for his service in carrying the baggage of twenty-two men from Brunswick to Boston the previous year. It was also voted “to supply the wives of those men that went for this town into the Continental army, by way of subscription, — they to be allowed the market price for s<sup>d</sup> articles that they shall find for s<sup>d</sup> use.” Lieutenant Thomas Berry, Nicholas Rideout, Captain Robert Dunning, John Dunning, and

William Woodside were elected as Committee of Correspondence, etc.

The proprietors made an agreement with Aaron Hinkley for him to survey the town Commons. This he had done, but the survey differed so much from the plan made by James Scales, "and the inhabitants made so much uneasiness about it," that it was laid one side, and the Scales plan was accepted. The proprietors complain, however, of the neglect of the selectmen in the matter.<sup>1</sup> This explains why, at a subsequent meeting, held May 12, the town voted to have the Commons surveyed, but laid upon the table till the next meeting the clause in the warrant relative to applying to the proprietors for a deed. At this meeting, Aaron Hinkley, William Stanwood, and Andrew Dunning were chosen to consult as to the best method for supporting the families of soldiers.

"Then the votes were brought in for the proposed form of government, and there appeared to be for said form three, and against said form seventy five." This vote was in regard to a proposed new constitution for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which was not ratified by the towns in consequence of several serious defects contained in it.

At a meeting held June 2, Aaron Hinkley, William Stanwood, Jr., and Captain Curtis were chosen "to give our Representative Instructions." What these instructions were has not been ascertained. A vote was also passed at this meeting that the one hundred and fifty-eight dollars given, as an additional bounty, to the five men who went into the service, agreeably to a resolve of the General Court, of April 20, 1778, should be paid by a tax on the polls and estates of the west end of the town. The only explanation of this vote which we can suggest is, that the east end of the town may have furnished the five men called for, and should therefore be exempt from paying any bounty.

At a meeting held on the tenth of June, the town voted "to lay out the Commons agreeable to the minutes that were read, viz., S<sup>d</sup> Commons to be bounded on the head of Middle Bay lots and to extend northerly between and adjoining upon the lots that front upon the twelve rod road and the lots that front upon Mericonege marshes, and upon the lots that front upon New Meadows river, until 1,000 acres be completed." Captain James Thompson protested against this vote, probably for fear lest the Commons might encroach upon his lot. A committee was chosen, however, to lay out the land in conformity with this vote, and Stephen Getchell was chosen surveyor.

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<sup>1</sup> *Brunswick Records, in Pejepscot Collection.*



At a meeting held on the 10th of September, it was voted "that such shirts as are fit to be sent to our brethren in the army be 48/ each; that good shoes for said service be 54/ , each pair; that good stockings for said service be 30/ , each pair."

At a meeting held December 25, the town voted to accept of the survey of the Commons as laid out by the committee chosen the previous May, but not to accept a deed of them from Noyes, if made according to Hinkley's survey. A committee was chosen to consult with the proprietors' agent in regard to the matter.

[1779.] Brigadier Thompson, William Stanwood, and Doctor Dunken were chosen a committee to supply the families of those men who went from this town into the Continental service with such necessities as they might need. The town also voted an appropriation of £200 for that purpose. James Elliot, Jr., Samuel Dunlap, Samuel Stanwood, Jr., Thomas Godfrey, and Stephen Pennell were chosen a Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety.

The selectmen were, at this meeting, instructed to procure a deed of the Commons, and the committee chosen to lay out the Commons were directed to complete their work as speedily as possibly. The selectmen were also instructed to take effectual means to secure, for the benefit of the town, the growth of lumber on the Commons.

Thomas Pennell was allowed £4 8s., "it being for so much *Counterfeit Money* he took in part of his tax in the year 1776."

Four prisoners — probably British soldiers — were taken care of in Brunswick this year, and the town consequently voted the following sums as compensation to those having charge of them: —

To Captain Dunlap . . . .	£6 8s. 0d.
" " Thompson . . . .	4 4 0
" Lieutenant Berry . . . .	1 4 0
" Mr. John Dunning . . . .	2 14 0

The sum of three pounds was also voted to Jacob Anderson for services in carrying shirts, shoes, and stockings to Portland.

At a special meeting in August, the town voted its approval of the transactions of the convention held at Concord on the fourteenth of July preceding. The object of that convention was to establish a State price-current, and to adopt other measures to prevent monopoly, extortion, and unfair dealing, and spirited resolutions were passed, fixing the prices of several articles of merchandise.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *History of Concord, Mass.*, p. 122.

Aaron Hinkley, William Stanwood, Thomas Skolfield, Joseph Curtis, and Deacon Stanwood were chosen a committee "to set the prices on the articles in the town and carry the resolution into effect." They were also directed to inform the committee of the town of Boston concerning the action taken in this matter by Brunswick.

At a meeting on the ninth of November, an account of the proceedings of the convention held at Concord in the previous month was read, and it was thereupon unanimously voted, "to stand by the proceedings of said convention," and Aaron Hinkley, Deacon Stanwood, Thomas Skolfield, Captain Curtis, and Captain William Stanwood were elected a committee "to see said resolutions put into execution." The convention referred to was held at Concord on the sixth of October, at which a revision of the price-current adopted at the July convention was made, and resolutions were passed relating to trade, currency, etc. County and town meetings were recommended to carry these resolutions into effect.<sup>1</sup>

[1780.] At the annual meeting in March, 1780, the following appropriations were voted: The sum of \$4,050 for highways, and to pay out of this thirty dollars per day for the labor of each man, twenty-five dollars for each pair of oxen, and five dollars for each cart, £12 to William Spear for his services for two years as sexton of the west meeting-house, and twenty-five dollars per day as compensation to the selectmen, "they to find themselves and paper."

The town at this time elected Brigadier Thompson as its agent to the General Court, in conformity with a resolve of that body, passed December 4, 1779.

At a meeting held May 15th, the town postponed voting in regard to a change of the State Constitution until the next meeting. Probably the next meeting of the town occurred too late for the vote of Brunswick to have any effect, since no vote of the kind was recorded at any subsequent meeting this year.

About this time a circular letter was received from Jere Powell, President of the General Assembly of Massachusetts Bay, desiring, in urgent terms, the town to furnish its proportion of blankets needed for the army at once,<sup>2</sup> as called for, amongst other things, by a resolve of that body passed the previous year.

The town accordingly voted to furnish the blankets and other articles and "to allow for each pair of good shoes, such as the agent will receive so much of the present currency as will purchase seven

<sup>1</sup> *History of Concord, Mass*, p. 122.

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*.

pecks of Indian corn, and for stockings of the like quality, the value of five pecks of corn, and for shirts the same price as of shoes, and for blankets — them that are good — the value of four bushels in said currency.”

At a meeting held September 4th, the town cast its first vote for governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, lieutenant-governor, and senator. Whom the town voted for as governor is not mentioned, but undoubtedly it was John Hancock. Honorable Samuel Adams received a majority of eleven votes as lieutenant-governor, and John Lewis, Esquire, fourteen votes as senator. Honorable James Bowdoin received three votes as lieutenant-governor.

At a meeting in October, Brigadier Thompson, Doctor Dunken, and John Given were chosen as a committee to procure the beef which had been demanded by the General Court for the supply of the army. They were instructed that, if they were unable to procure the whole amount, they should, with the selectmen, make known to the General Court the reasons why they were unable to furnish all, and were authorized to make up the deficiency in the amount, in money. The selectmen were instructed to assess sufficient to cover the amount paid out by this committee.

[1781.] At the annual meeting in March, 1781, the selectmen were directed to inform the General Court that the resolve of December 4, 1780, concerning beef, was not received in season for the town to comply with its requirements.

At a meeting held on the nineteenth of July, the town voted to comply with the last requisition of the General Court, in regard to furnishing beef for the army, and to raise £204, cash, to procure the beef. A committee was also chosen to obtain the beef.

At a meeting held on the twenty-fifth of December, Samuel Stanwood, Captain William Stanwood, Jr., William Woodside, Aaron Hinkley, Doctor Samuel Dunken, and Captain James Curtis were chosen a committee to prepare a petition to the General Court, “concerning our present circumstances and our inability of paying our taxes in specie, and to lay the petition before our March meeting, for approbation or amendment.”

[1782.] The above-mentioned petition was presented to the town at its annual meeting in March, 1782, and adopted. At this meeting Samuel Woodward, Jacob Anderson, and Samuel Stanwood, Jr., were chosen a Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety. This was the last time such a committee was raised by the town.

At a meeting in June, it was voted that “the several classes in



this town procure the three men called for by the General Court without delay." To promote the enlistment of soldiers, the town was divided into districts, which are designated above as "classes."

Wolves must have become very troublesome at this time, for the town, at this meeting, offered a bounty of 20s. for each and every grown wolf killed within its limits, and 40s. to every person who would make pits or traps for their destruction.

On January 2, 1783, the following petition to have the town excused from paying a fine, for not furnishing the three men called for in 1782, was presented to the legislature by a committee of the town:—

"TO THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE & HONOURABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACUSETTS IN GENERAL COURT TO BE ASSEMBLED ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF JANUARY 1783.

"THE PETITION OF US SUBSCRIBERS (BEING A COMMITTEE CHOSEN BY THE FREE HOLDERS AND OTHER INHABITANTS OF THIS TOWN OF BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND REGULARLY ASSEMBLED),

HUMBLY SHEWETH.

"That whereas the Inhabitants of this Town have exerted themselves to the utmost of their power, in answering all requisitions that has been required of them During the present warr, but could not procure the last three men which was required for want of money; and whereas we understand that we have been overated in our taxations for some years past, both for men, money, & Beef, we Humbly pray y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> to Excuse us from the fine that is laid on us for said three men—Your Hon<sup>rs</sup> cannot be Ignorant of our Circumstances in these parts—How our Coast is (almost continually) Invested with the Enemy Depriving us of our Vessels & Substance, So as we cannot gett to markett such commodities as we could spare. We are well assured that the farr Greater part of the Inhabitants here would be willing to suffer, and has suffered, in order to help on the present occation but for want of a Markett Cash is exceeding scarce among us—and many has & are moving back into the wilderness, because they cannot pay their taxes, therefore we Humbly pray that we may be eased of the above mentioned fine but as for the average part we mean to endeavour to pay as soon as possible but If executions should be issued out against us suddently, it would (we fear) Discourage the poor Inhabitants very much, therefore Relying on your Hon<sup>rs</sup> great wisdom, to consider our Circumstances, not Doubting but that you will Endeavour to promote our Wellfare & Happiness in these parts as well as in the other parts

of this commonwealth, And your Humble Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.<sup>1</sup>

<p>“THOS. SKOLFIELD JAMES CURTIS SAM’LL STANDWOOD NATH’L LARRABEE</p>	}	Committee.
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“BRUNSWICK, Jan<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1783.”

In answer to this petition the legislature passed a resolve, which was approved by the governor, excusing the town from payment of any fine, provided they would pay into the treasury of the Commonwealth the sum of £185 4s 1½*d.*, which was the average price paid for the enlistment of three men.<sup>2</sup>

The town this year voted to pay Brigadier Thompson £30 16s. 3*d.* for his services as delegate to the Provincial Congress in the years 1774 and 1775. Reverend Mr. Miller, Nathaniel Larrabee, Thomas Skolfield, Deacon Dunning, and Captain Gross were chosen a committee to answer a letter which had been received from the Committee of Correspondence of Boston. Their answer was as follows:—

“At a legal Town meeting held in Brunswick, on Thursday, the 26th of June, 1783, in answer to your letter respecting the return of the Refugees and Conspirators who endeavored to deprive us of our rights and privileges by joining with the King of Great Britain, it is the unanimous opinion of this town that they ought never to be suffered to return but to be excluded from having lot or portion in any of the United States of America.”

November 20th. of this year, the Pejepscot proprietors gave to the town a deed of the town Commons. (See chapter on Public Lands, Roads, etc.)

[1784.] At the annual meeting in March, 1784, the town voted to take no action upon the article in the warrant concerning paying Brigadier Thompson’s demands for expenses incurred in hiring men to serve in the army in the year 1781. He had probably acted in the matter on his own responsibility, and the town did not consider itself legally bound to repay him. The selectmen were, at this time, instructed to take proper care of the town Commons, and to dispose of the lumber on them as they might think to be for the best advantage of the town.

[1785 ] In 1785 William Owen was elected representative to the General Court, and it was voted that in case that body refused to receive him in that capacity, he was to act as the town’s agent to

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Massachusetts Records, Vol. 44, p. 413*

answer the Topsham petition. This petition was the renewal of a former one, to have the islands in the Androscoggin River annexed to Topsham.

[1786.] At a special meeting in January, 1786, a committee was chosen to petition the General Court for some abatement of the town's assessment in the next State tax. The town voted to hold every alternate town meeting at the east meeting-house. A resolution was adopted that it was the unanimous desire of the town that a canal be cut through from New Meadows River to Merrymeeting Bay. It was also voted to be the unanimous wish of the town that the counties of York, Cumberland, and Lincoln be made a separate State, and Aaron Hinkley was elected a delegate to a convention to be held at Portland (Falmouth) for the consideration of this subject.

[1787.] The town this year again voted in favor of making York, Cumberland, and Lincoln Counties a separate State.

At a meeting held on the eighteenth of December, the town voted — twenty-three to seven — “to accept of the proposed form of Government for the United States as it now stands,” and Captain John Dunlap was elected a delegate to an assembly which was to meet at the State House in Boston, on the second Wednesday in January, 1788, for its adoption or rejection on the part of Massachusetts. This was the vote of Brunswick on the question of the acceptance, by the States, of the Constitution of the United States.

[1788.] At the annual town meeting in 1788, Captain John Peterson, Deacon Dunning, and Nathaniel Larrabee were chosen a committee to petition the General Court for a modification of the “Fish Act.”

The town very injudiciously voted to lease one hundred acres of the Commons to William Marriner, and the selectmen were authorized to lease as much more to other parties as might be desired. A vote was passed this year, that all future town meetings should be held at the west meeting-house.

On the eighteenth of December, the town, for the first time, voted for Presidential electors, and Honorable Dummer Sewall and Samuel Freeman received a majority of the votes cast.

[1789.] The town this year decided to hold one annual meeting out of three at the east end of the town, and to hold all its other meetings alternately at the east and west ends.

[1790.] This year Benjamin Chase, his family and estate, were set off from the town of Freeport and annexed to the town of Brunswick.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Special Laws*, 1, p. 277.



[1791.] The vote for representative to Congress in November, 1790, seems to have been in some way illegal, as a special meeting was called January 25, 1791, for the purpose of another election, at which General Lithgow received a majority of eighteen votes.

At the annual meeting this year, a committee was chosen to locate a canal from Maquoit Bay to the Androscoggin River, but the town afterwards reconsidered the vote.

An address from the senators and representatives in the district of Maine was read, and the town then voted — seventy-one to twenty-five — in favor of a separate State.

[1792.] The town, in 1792, voted against the separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts, by a vote of sixty-one to sixteen.

[1793.] In 1793 the town voted that the selectmen should be instructed to take an account of the *paper-money* in Captain Stanwood's hands, and direct him to dispose of it in the best manner he could, and deposit the proceeds in the town treasury.

The town also voted to dismiss the article in the warrant, concerning building a new meeting-house.

[1794.] In 1794, the question of making the District of Maine into a State was again voted on. The vote stood four in favor and thirty-five against so doing.

The town also voted "to allow Nathaniel Larrabee five pounds in full for his past service as town clerk, which is twenty-eight years."

The town this year voted, unanimously, "in favor of revising the Constitution." Whether it was the State or national Constitution is not specified. It was, perhaps, the latter, as the eleventh article of the Constitution of the United States was offered in Congress in 1794, and probably was not presented to the State, for ratification or rejection, much earlier than this.

[1795.] The town again, in 1795, voted — sixty-three to twenty-three — against the formation of a new State.

[1796.] "At a very full and respectable meeting of the town of Brunswick, legally assembled the fourteenth day of May, 1796, for the sole purpose of taking into consideration the state of our public affairs with respect to the treaty between Great Britain and America, voted unanimously to support the Constitution of the United States."

[1797.] The town, in 1797, again voted against the formation of a new State.

[1798.] In 1798 it was voted by the town that the selectmen should give a deed of the two hundred acres of land which the town

had previously voted for the benefit of Bowdoin College, and they were instructed, if necessary, to petition the General Court for the requisite authority.

A committee was also chosen "to settle some accounts disputable between the Baptist and Congregational societies in this town."

At a meeting held in October to consider in regard to the formation of a new county from several of the towns in Cumberland and Lincoln Counties, the town voted to send Nathaniel Larrabee as a delegate to a convention to be held in Hallowell, with instructions to vote against the project of a new county, unless Brunswick could be made the shire town.

[1799.] In 1799 the town, although there was no war, raised one fifth as large an amount of money for gunpowder as it did for schools; thirty pounds being appropriated for the former and one hundred and fifty pounds for the latter.

[1802.] Appropriations by the town in 1802 were \$1,000 for schools, and three hundred and fifty dollars for contingent expenses. This year men were allowed for labor on the highway one dollar per day, and sixty-six cents per day for each pair of oxen.

[1806.] The town, in 1806, appointed a committee to consult with the towns of Durham and Freeport, to see if they would join with Brunswick in building a workhouse or a poorhouse, and upon what terms they would do so.

[1807.] The records do not state what the decision of these towns was, but it may be inferred from the vote of Brunswick, in 1807, to build a house for the town poor, which should be thirty-six feet long, twenty feet wide, and two stories high. The town voted to have it located in the vicinity of Samuel Beals's,<sup>1</sup> and appropriated two hundred and seventy-five dollars to finish the outside.

[1808.] In 1808 the town voted that at the annual meetings in March, April, and May, every legal voter should take his seat in the meeting-house, and there remain until the moderator of the meeting should by name call upon him to come forward and put in his vote. This rather dilatory method of voting was, undoubtedly, tried as a remedy for the disorderly conduct so often prevalent at municipal meetings.

A committee was chosen this year to apply to the Pejepscot proprietors for permission to sell and dispose of the town Commons, ministry and school lots, "and marsh," the interest of such sales to be appro-

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<sup>1</sup> It stood on the lot in the rear of Mrs. Frances Owen's residence, on Federal Street.

appropriated for the use of schools, or in such other way as the town should think proper. As no answer to any request of this kind can be found in the town records, or in the Pejepscot Papers or Records, it is sufficiently evident that no such permission was ever granted.

The effect of the Embargo Law, passed in Congress on the previous December, was severely felt throughout New England, and Brunswick formed no exception. The town therefore voted to present a respectful petition to the President of the United States praying him to suspend the law laying an embargo, either wholly or in part.

The selectmen were also requested to transmit to the selectmen of the town of Boston a copy of the proceedings of the town of Brunswick, and to assure them of their cordial co-operation with the inhabitants of that metropolis in any constitutional measures necessary to obtain a removal or alleviation of the grievances they suffered from a suspension of commerce.

[1809.] On January 23, 1809, the town adopted the following resolutions:—

“1st. *Resolved*, That the inhabitants of this town do consider the Act of Congress laying a permanent embargo as directly repugnant to the spirit of the Constitution of the United States and the several supplementary acts, but especially the act passed on the sixth of January inst., as alarming violations of the express provisions of that Constitution; that they tend directly to the annihilation of the revenue, while they greatly increase the expenses of the United States; to produce and daily aggravate distress among the great body of the people, and if long continued to excite domestic convulsions.

“2d. *Resolved*, That the last act of Congress designed to enforce the embargo, when its utter inutility either as a measure of precaution or as a measure of coercion, upon those belligerents whose decrees and orders effect our commerce, is acknowledged by all, forces upon us the apprehension that the embargo originated in the will of that Emperor who has declared that he will compel the United States to take part in the war either as friends or allies.

“3d. *Resolved*, That we believe it is the intention of the administration to unite with France in a war against Great Britain, a war which we deprecate as neither just, necessary or wise; since we are persuaded that all matters of dispute between the United States and that government might by sincere and honorable negotiation be amicably settled and a friendly commercial intercourse re-established on principles mutually advantageous.

“4th. *Resolved*, That the organization of a large military force in



a time of peace, for purposes concealed from the people, excites in our minds the most alarming apprehensions, while the unlimited powers vested in the President and in officers of his appointment for enforcing the Embargo Laws present to our astonished view the monstrous image of a military despotism, erected by the rulers of a free republic and the property, the liberty, and even the lives of citizens placed under the control of numerous petty tyrants in defiance of the express provisions of the Constitution of the United States and in contempt of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

“5th. *Resolved*, That deeply afflicted by the evils incident to the embargo, but infinitely more distressed by these violations of our dearest rights, we will by every constitutional and peaceable measure seek the redress of our wrongs, declaring at the same time our determination to refrain from all violent opposition to the laws under which we suffer, and to discountenance such opposition in others.

“6th. *Resolved*, That we despair of obtaining relief from our distress and our fears by any further application to the President or the Congress; and that we will therefore present a respectful petition to the legislature of this Commonwealth praying that they would specially pursue such measures as they in their wisdom may judge most conducive to the redress of individual wrongs and best adapted to the portentous crisis of our public affairs.

“7th. *Resolved*, That we are ready to make any sacrifice of property and life for the preservation of the honor, the peace, and the liberty of our country.

“8th. *Resolved*, That whereas several merchants in this town have loaded their vessels by permission of the President of the United States, we do highly approve of their determination to refuse compliance with the law requiring them to unload their vessels or give heavy and unreasonable bonds.”

The following *Memorial* was at the same time sent to the General Court of Massachusetts:—

“TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

“THE MEMORIAL OF INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND,

HUMBLY SKEWS:

“That, possessing the right to express their sentiments on the measures of government, and the state of public affairs, they are impelled by a strong sense of duty to themselves and to their posterity to exercise that privilege of freemen in the present distressed and alarm-

ing situation of the United States ; considering silence at such a crisis as has now arrived as approbation of those measures which have produced it and an indication of stupid insensibility to the aggravated evils resulting from their operation.

“ Your memorialists presume not to point out to your enlightened and honorable body the grievous sufferings inflicted, or the essential rights violated by the Acts of Congress laying a permanent embargo, and especially by the Act for enforcing the several embargo laws ; but deeply impressed with an awful sense of the dangers in which their liberties are involved, they address you as their deputed guardians praying protection from that ruin in which those Acts, if not speedily revoked, must overwhelm them.

“ Your memorialists see in those Acts no equivocal proofs of a subservient attachment to one of the belligerents and an inveterate enmity to the other, alike inconsistent with the dignity and injurious to the interests of an independent nation. That the embargo was the result of a necessity imposed by the decrees of France or by the orders in council of Great Britain we can never admit ; since it was laid thirteen months after the decree of Berlin and a considerable time before the knowledge of orders in council reached the administration, and it has been acknowledged by Mr. Pinckney, Minister of the United States at London, that these orders made no part of the motives to that measure.

“ Your memorialists are persuaded that had the administration been animated by that spirit and guided by that wisdom which pervaded the councils of the nation in 1794 and 1798 in respect to our foreign relations, the same happy result would have followed ; but unhappily the reverse has been realized and our government have discovered a fixed determination to reject every proposal of accommodation with one of the belligerents and disposition to submit with astonishing [alacrity?] to gross and wanton violations of a solemn treaty and [to] unceasing insults from the other [belligerent.]

“ Your memorialists disdain to be the apologists for the aggressions or insults of any nation, but justice compels them to declare what they fully believe that Great Britain has manifested a disposition to adjust in an amicable manner our differences with that nation, while France has not only disregarded the obligations of a treaty, but has declared her determination to compel the United States to take part in the war either as friends or allies.

“ Your memorialists see with extreme [solicitude?] the organization of an extraordinary military force in a time of peace, the object of

which is concealed from the people ; and we declare our utter detestation of the Act of the sixth instant, designed to enforce an embargo, which even its advocates on the floor of Congress acknowledged to have produced no effect as a measure of coercion against the belligerents, while the evils affecting the people of the United States have been incalculably severe and are still increasing ; and we do consider the provisions of that Act as unconstitutional, tyrannical, and oppressive in the highest degree, and are bound by the strongest obligations to resist them in every legal and constitutional way.

“ We pray your Honorable Body to adopt such measures as you shall deem wise and expedient in this singularly awful crisis of public affairs.”

It was also *voted* that the foregoing memorial should be signed by the moderator and town clerk, be presented to the legislature of the Commonwealth by the representative of the town, and that he be instructed to use his best endeavors to promote the object contained in said memorial.

A proposition was made this year to purchase the old meeting-house for a town-house, but it was defeated.

A committee was chosen to ascertain the *limits* of the 1,000 acres of town Commons, in order that the overplus, if any, which was given to the First Parish, might be determined.

[1811.] In 1811, the town elected Isaac Gates, Esquire, and Peter O. Alden, Esquire, as special agents to petition the legislature, in behalf of the town, for permission and authority to divide, set off, and convey to the President and Trustees of Bowdoin College the two hundred acres of land which was granted to them by a vote of the town passed May 2, 1791, and afterwards approved or confirmed by a vote of the Pejepscot proprietors.

[1812.] At a meeting held on the seventeenth of August, 1812, Jacob Abbot, Henry Putnam, Isaac Gates, Robert D. Dunning, and Jacob Anderson were chosen a committee to draft, and submit to the town, resolutions concerning “ the present alarming state of national affairs.” The committee reported the following, which were adopted, and the moderator and clerk instructed to sign and forward a copy of them to the President of the United States, and also one to the *Portland Gazette* for publication : —

“ The people at all times, under an elective government, have the right of peaceably assembling to consult for the public good. When doomed to experience the most awful calamities that can afflict a nation, the right is not only unquestionable, but *essential* to the exist-



ence of liberty and expressly sanctioned by the Constitution. The freedom of speech and the liberty of the press and the undisturbed privileges of an individual, or united expression of sentiment, are the *vital* principles of a pure republic. The electors of rulers have a right to examine their conduct, and when measures are adopted bringing poverty and ruin in their train, and death and wretchedness in their consequences, under a pretext that the people demand them, it is the duty of every citizen to raise his voice to convince the deceived of their error and arrest the progress of destruction.

“ Therefore, *Resolved*, That we view the union of the States as an *inestimable blessing* while the government is administered agreeably to the original compact, but we fear that a cruel and oppressive course of measures, and admission of new States into the Union whose inhabitants in habits and education are adverse to republican principles, will tend to *disaffect* the people and eventually dissolve the compact which has heretofore been a source of so much wealth and happiness to these States.

“ *Resolved*, That we consider the declaration of war as *premature, unjustifiable, and groundless*. That it was produced by an undue attachment for the greatest tyrant and most sanguinary monster that ever disgraced the civilized world. That we consider it as directed by the finger of the same hand which has not ceased for years past to impose restrictive measures upon the commerce of the United States; in short, that we consider the declaration of war as merely the promulgation and approbation of an edict of the Court of St. Cloud.

“ *Resolved*, That a treasury without money, an exposed commerce without naval protection, an army without soldiers, and a war without adequate and just cause, show the *weakness* or *wickedness* of our rulers, and tend to a direct sacrifice of everything dear to free men.

“ *Resolved*, That William Widgery, member of Congress from this district, in voting for war contrary to the *known* wishes of his constituents and to the destruction of great maritime interests of New England, has added *shame* and disgrace to the good people of this district, without injury to his *own* moral or political reputation.

“ *Resolved*, That we fully approve of the *minority* in Congress upon the question of war, and we pride ourselves upon having one representative from Maine who preferred the interests of his constituents to the *mandates* of the executive.

“ *Resolved*, That we view with abhorrence and detestation the late *daring* and sanguinary attack upon the liberty of the press at Balti-

more by a lawless and cannibal mob, and the assassination of the veterans of the Revolution and the voluntary defenders of liberty.

“*Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the sentiments expressed by our brethren in Boston, at their late town meeting, upon the same subject, and of the measures by them adopted, for the purpose of aiding the civil authority in the *prevention* and *suppression* of similar outrages.

“*Resolved*, That the liberty of speech and of the press is the bulwark of freedom, and the most glorious prerogative of free men, and that we will never relinquish this liberty but with our lives.

“*Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the moderate, firm, and dignified conduct of our excellent governor, whose measures have always tended to promote the interests of the State and individual happiness, and we rejoice in again having a chief magistrate who will not sell himself to a party, who holds the scale of equal justice and is above the reach of venality.

“*Resolved*, That the districting of the Commonwealth for the choice of State senators and representatives to Congress under the administration of Elbridge Gerry, so that twenty-nine senators are chosen by a less number of votes than were necessary to choose the other eleven, is a most tyrannical and wicked exertion of power, a violation of the spirit of the Constitution, and a prostitution of the rights of the people, and must have originated in a desire to deprive them of their constitutional privileges.

“*Resolved*, That the senators so chosen, by refusing the various equitable modes for the choice of electors proposed by the House of Representatives, have evinced their approbation of this iniquitous system and have rendered themselves totally unworthy of the confidence of a free people.

“*Resolved*, That we will hold ourselves in readiness to obey the orders of our commander-in-chief in repelling any invasion of our shores or to aid the civil authority in executing the laws.

“*Resolved*, That we will exert ourselves by every constitutional and honorable measure to effect a change of our national rulers, that peace, commerce, and free trade may be enjoyed with all liberal and civilized nations, and all possible means be used to secure and preserve the union of the States.

“*Resolved*, That from the foregoing considerations, and from a belief that only when life or liberty are jeopardized the rulers of a nation are completely justified in declaring war, and as the great ostensible causes of the present one are removed by Britain herself, and as

amicable adjustment of the only remaining difficulty is now offered, it is the imperious duty of our government to suspend hostilities without delay, and restore the blessings of peace to a brave but abused and suffering people.

“PETER O. ALDEN, *Moderator.*  
DAN’L GIVEN, *Town Clerk.*”

The following address was also adopted:—

“To the Hon. Eleazer W. Ripley, Jonathan Page and Ebenezer Poor, senators of the district of Cumberland and Oxford.

“After having seen the various modes offered by the committee of conference from the House of Representatives to the Senate through their committee for the choice of electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, we are alarmed at the pertinacious adherence of the Senate to a partial and unequal mode of choosing electors, whereby a majority of the people are liable to be overruled by the minority, contrary to the spirit and letter of the Constitution and the principles of republican liberty.

“That this Commonwealth may have a voice in the next election of President and Vice-President a manly and just concurrence of the Senate with the House of Representatives is wanting, and this town hereby calls upon you to co-operate with them by your best exertions and procure a concurrence of the Senate with the House in some one of their propositions.

“In this day of peril and difficulty for the public good your best services are required. To stifle the voice of the people and deprive them of their elective rights would be a stride at usurpation too alarming for us to behold in silence and too flagrant to be borne.

“We consider the proposition made by the House fair, honorable, and constitutional, and we are sorry to assert that the Resolves of the Senate do not appear to us to be of that character.

“If our liberties, so dearly purchased by the blood and treasure of our fathers, must be lost, we most sincerely hope and fervently pray that they may never be destroyed under the forms of judicial nor legislative proceedings.”

The town voted that four attested copies of the above address be made out by the town clerk, and that one be forwarded to each of the above-named senators, and one to the president of the Senate, to be laid before that body.

[1814.] Nothing especially worthy of record occurred in 1813, but at a meeting held in February, 1814, the town appointed a committee to write an address, setting forth “the present most unjust and iniquitous



uitous restrictions upon our trade." It was also voted to have this address published in the *Portland Gazette*. No copy of it appears on the records of the town, and the number of the *Gazette* supposed to contain it has not been found by the compilers of this work.

An article in the warrant, "to see if the town will accept of the Engine belonging to individuals of this town," was dismissed.

Some of the town officers elected at the annual meeting, not presenting themselves to take the oath of office, a warrant was issued to John Owen, constable, to notify them to appear at a specified time and take the oath, as required by law. Owen, on his return, certified that he had notified all "except Roger Toothaker [one of the fence-viewers] who ran off and would not hear me notify him, and Abraham Locke, whom I missed by mistaking his place of residence, and Silas Goddard."

At a meeting held in August, the selectmen were authorized to hire money, "to meet the expense occasioned by the military movements."

It was voted to dismiss the article in the warrant "to see if the town will afford any assistance to the unfortunate sufferers by the freshet," which occurred that spring and did a great deal of damage.

[1815.] In 1815 the selectmen were directed to collect the resolves, maps, etc., belonging to the town, and to deposit them in their office.

[1816.] The town, at its annual meeting, in 1816, gave Russell Stoddard and others permission to place some hay-scales<sup>1</sup> between the road that went by Mrs. Robson's and that going by John Pollard's.

At a meeting held May 20, a majority of twenty-two votes was cast by the town against a separation of the District of Maine from the State of Massachusetts. At this meeting a committee was also appointed to provide a code of by-laws for the town.

At a meeting held September 2, the town again voted against the formation of a new State by a majority of fifty-one votes. The town also at this meeting chose Robert Dunning, Doctor Jonathan Page, and Joseph McKeen, delegates to a convention to be held in Brunswick on the last Monday in September following, to count the votes cast in the District upon this question, and if a majority of the votes cast were favorable, to form the draft of a constitution for a new State.

[1818.] The town, at its annual meeting in 1818, authorized the selectmen to purchase a hearse at a cost not exceeding one hundred dollars.

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<sup>1</sup> The scales were located in what is now the mall, opposite Green Street.

At this meeting it was voted inexpedient to build a poorhouse. The one built in 1807 was sold by the town in 1812.

An article in the warrant of this meeting, in regard to a separation of the east and west parts of the town, was dismissed. Its insertion in the warrant was probably owing to some slight disaffection in one of these sections.

[1819.] At a meeting held May 3, the representative from the town was instructed to use all fair and honorable means towards effecting the separation of the District of Maine from the State. This act shows an evident change on the part of the citizens of Brunswick in regard to this question. The representative was also instructed to use all fair and honorable means to oppose the passage of a law allowing Wingate and others the exclusive right of navigating the Kennebec River with steamboats. Apart from all questions of propriety or of constitutional right, Brunswick and Topsham both had a special interest in opposing a law which would affect the navigation of their own river.

At a special meeting on July 26, the town voted, by a majority of one hundred and thirty-three votes, in favor of a new State, and at a subsequent meeting, held September 20, Robert D. Dunning, Doctor Jonathan Page, and Reverend Benjamin Titcomb were chosen delegates to the convention to be held in Portland on the second Monday in October, for the purpose of forming a Constitution for the new State.

At a meeting held December 6, the town voted its approval of the Constitution framed by that convention.

#### UNDER STATE OF MAINE.

[1820.] On March 15, 1820, the State of Maine was, by act of Congress, admitted into the Union.

At the annual town meeting this year, the selectmen were authorized to provide a place for the hearse, which they had been authorized to purchase two years before. Whether the hearse had been kept out of doors or in somebody's barn, or whether it was not purchased until this year, does not appear. At this meeting Doctor Jonathan Page bid off the care of the town's poor for six hundred dollars.

At the first election for governor of Maine, held this year, the vote of Brunswick stood: for Honorable William King, 195; for Stephen Longfellow, Esquire, 23; scattering, 9.

At a meeting in May, the selectmen were directed to petition the legislature to incorporate the town of Brunswick, together with a number of other towns in the counties of Cumberland and Lincoln, into a new county.

The selectmen were also, at a meeting held in November, directed to petition the legislature to make a deduction from the valuation of the town, as taken by the selectmen in August, in consequence of the loss of property occasioned by the great freshet of October previous.

[1821.] At the annual meeting in 1821 the town passed a resolve that the public good required the formation of a new county, to be composed of the towns of Brunswick, Bath, Phippsburg, Durham, Harpswell, Freeport, Pownal, Danville, Topsham, Bowdoinham, Bowdoin, Litchfield, Lisbon, Lewiston, and Wales; and the representative from Brunswick was instructed to endeavor to effect the object at that session of the legislature. This attempt was, however, unsuccessful.

The town this year, instead of building a poorhouse, instructed the overseers of the poor to hire suitable houses and land to accommodate the poor of the town and to appoint a person to take charge of them. This was for the purpose of making available, for the benefit of the town, the labor of the paupers.

[1822.] At a meeting of the town, held September 9, 1822, the representative to the legislature was directed to endeavor to obtain the passage of a law granting compensation from the State treasury to the soldiers of the militia.

[1823.] At a town meeting held January 20, 1823, it was voted to be inexpedient to make any offer to the legislature to induce that body to fix the seat of government in Brunswick. What effect a different vote might have had upon the prosperity of the town is a matter of some doubt, though had such an offer been accepted, there is no doubt but that it would greatly have benefited the community. The town, also, at this meeting, directed its representative to oppose in the legislature the erection of any new county which should include Brunswick within its limits.

The annual meeting in March was adjourned to the first Monday in April, "in consequence of the severity of the cold and the small number present."

[1824.] At a meeting held the fifth of April, 1824, the selectmen were authorized to receive all money or other property that may have been raised by subscription for the sufferers by the great fire in Brunswick, which occurred the previous year, and to divide the same among them according to their necessities. The selectmen were also authorized to pay twenty cents to each soldier of the militia, in lieu of rations, if the application for the same was made as the law prescribed.

At a meeting held September 6th, the town passed resolutions inviting General Lafayette to visit Brunswick while on his tour



through New England, and a committee of eleven gentlemen, in addition to the selectmen, were appointed as a committee of arrangements for his reception, if he accepted. He was also invited by the authorities of the college, but was obliged to decline both invitations.

[1825.] At a meeting held January 1, 1825, the town voted an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars towards defraying the expense of exchanging the bell then hanging in the steeple of the new meeting-house for a larger one. A committee was appointed to purchase a fire-engine, and eight hundred dollars was appropriated for the purpose. \$1,500 was appropriated this year for schools.

The selectmen were authorized to settle with Joseph Storer for damages suffered by him in crossing the bridge on Federal Street<sup>1</sup> with a horse and chaise.

A committee of fifteen was chosen to solicit aid for the relief of the sufferers at the late fire.

[1826.] The town, in 1826, voted to purchase the house, barn, out-buildings, and farm, near the lower landing, then owned by Roger Merrill,<sup>2</sup> and which contained about forty acres of land, at a price not exceeding \$1,500. The town also voted to raise six hundred dollars per year, for three years, to meet the above expense.

The selectmen were authorized, this year, to furnish blank cartridges for the use of the militia of the town, when at reviews.

[1827.] At a meeting of the town, held January 4, 1827, the representative was instructed to use all fair and honorable means to prevent the passage of any legislative act which would deprive the town of Brunswick of any of its territory or in any way disturb the line established between the counties of Cumberland and Lincoln. This action was taken upon an article in the warrant to see if the town would consent that the islands below the falls should be set off, with their improvements, to Topsham, agreeably to a petition to the legislature of George F. Richardson and others.

The town voted, November 3, that the bills incurred in consequence of depredations on the Indians, the previous August, by Jere O'Brien and John McKeen, should be accepted to the amount of seven dollars and twenty cents. It seems that this year a party of Indians had encamped near "the landing," in Brunswick, and that a number of evil-disposed young men made a raid upon them, tore down their tents, and drove them off. O'Brien and McKeen entered a complaint

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<sup>1</sup> This was a small pole-bridge at the foot of the hill, across a brook leading from the swamp west of Maine Street.

<sup>2</sup> The present poor-farm.

against the rioters, and the above vote was intended to compensate them for their legal expenses.

[1828.] In the year 1828, five gentlemen were chosen as agents of the town to oppose any division of the town that might be urged upon the legislature, which was then in session at Portland. One hundred dollars was appropriated for keeping in repair the two fire-engines, for ringing the bell, and for such other purposes as might tend to the security of the town against fire.

[1829.] The same amount was appropriated for the same purpose, in 1829, and the town voted to have the bell rung at nine o'clock on Sunday evenings.

The town voted to hold its future meetings in the village, provided a house could be obtained without expense to the town. Accordingly the next meeting, September 14, was held in the Baptist meeting-house on School Street.

At the September meeting of the town, a code of By-Laws was adopted. The provisions of these By-Laws were, in brief, as follows:—

Article 1. Provided against injury or loss of fire apparatus.

Article 2. Against the building of bonfires in the streets, and against the careless use of lights in houses, barns, and stables.

Article 3. Against coasting on or across the streets, and also against obtaining rides by taking hold of or getting upon vehicles, without the consent of persons riding therein.

Article 4. Against the wanton or unnecessary discharge of fire-arms near any dwelling-house, shop, or store.

Article 5. Against playing ball within ten rods of any dwelling, throwing snow-balls, playing with kites, or doing anything in public streets to annoy passengers.

Article 6. Against the assembling of noisy crowds in the night, and against rude or disorderly behavior, indecent or profane language, or the injuring of trees, fences, or buildings. The penalty for the violation of this article was five dollars.

Article 7. Against allowing geese to go at large. The penalty in this case was six cents per goose.

These By-Laws were approved by the Court of Appeals in the December following, and the town voted to have them printed, and one copy furnished to each family.

[1831.] In the year 1831, the town authorized the selectmen to appropriate a piece of land near the poorhouse for a paupers' cemetery. Also, that future town meetings should be held in the old west meeting-house.

[1832.] In 1832 the town appointed a committee to draw up some resolutions expressing the opinions of the inhabitants of Brunswick "in relation to the alarming modifications of the tariff now proposed to be made by the Congress of the United States." Another committee was also appointed to report suitable resolutions expressing the opinions of the citizens in regard to the sale of the disputed territory on the northeast boundary.

The reports of both committees were read and accepted, and the selectmen were instructed to furnish copies of them for publication to the *Portland Advertiser* and *Kennebec Journal*.

The selectmen were this year instructed to sell the "poor lot" on Federal Street, by auction or by private sale as they might deem best.

The dividing line between Brunswick and Freeport was this year defined. There seems to have been some doubt as to its location before this, for on October 15, 1828, the selectmen of the two towns met at the house of Samuel Chase, and proceeded to perambulate the line. Robert D. Dunning was the surveyor for Brunswick and Bars-tow Sylvester for Freeport. The line surveyed by them appears from the record to have been the same, or nearly the same, as that previously established.

For some reason, however, the line was not satisfactory to some of the citizens of the two towns. Depositions were taken in January, 1832, from various residents, testifying as to the location of the original line. Depositions were made by David Curtis, William Alexander, and Daniel Given.

On the seventh of February, 1832, the legislature appointed Joseph Sewall of Bath, William Bradbury of New Gloucester, and William Cummings of Cape Elizabeth, a committee to establish the dividing line between Brunswick and Freeport.

On the eleventh of June following, the committee met and viewed the premises on that day and succeeding days, closing their labors on the twenty-third of June.

Their report, which we give below, furnishes the result of their labors:—

"Pursuant to the foregoing Resolve for establishing the line between Brunswick and Freeport, we the subscribers, the Committee therein appointed, having been duly sworn, and having given due notice to the parties, and having met them by their committees and counsel at the house of Alexander Moorhead, in Brunswick, the eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and by adjournment from day to day until this twenty third day



of said June, and having heard all their pleas, proofs and arguments, and having viewed the premises, and maturely considered the same, have determined and established the dividing line between the towns of Brunswick and Freeport, in the County of Cumberland, agreeably to the Acts of Incorporation of said Towns, to be as follows to wit: Beginning on the Western shore of Maquoit Bay at the mouth of Bungamunganock so called at a ledge which we have marked B, thence North twenty eight and one eighth degrees West, passing by a hemlock tree in Vincent Mountfort's pasture, and through said Vincent Mountfort's house, and by a beach stump one rod and two links westerly of an ash tree in William Alexander's pasture by a stone in the wall on the western side of the county road on David Curtis' land marked + and over a ledge in said Curtis' pasture marked FB and by a spruce tree, a yellow birch tree, a ledge in Grouse's field marked +, a ledge in Skolfield's pasture marked +, a maple tree, a yellow birch tree, a stone set in the ground on the easterly side of the county road, twelve rods & sixteen links from the corner of Thomas Pennell's house, marked FB, a beach tree, a ledge in Samuel Sylvester's pasture marked FB, a stone in the wall on the westerly side of the Story road so called, a ledge in John Field's field marked FB, a beach tree, a hemlock tree, a spruce tree, a pine tree five miles & seventy rods to a stone marked FB at the middle of the Quaker road so called, and one rod and a half from William Jordan's wall, thence North East one hundred & ninety six rods to a stone marked DB at the corner of Durham and including within the town of Brunswick all Mair Point so called, and to include within said town of Brunswick all the estate of the late Benjamin Chase which was annexed to said Brunswick by virtue of an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts passed in 1790, entitled an Act setting off Benjamin Chase, his family and estate from the town of Freeport and annexing them to the town of Brunswick.

" JOSEPH SEWALL.  
WM. BRADBURY.  
WM. CUMMINGS."<sup>1</sup>

The same committee also established the Durham line.

According to McKen the survey of the west part of the town was made by John Merrill while B. Ring lived in Brunswick, though the plan of the " Great Lots " was never laid down by any actual survey. According to the same authority, if Merrill's plan had been regarded

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

and the boundaries preserved, the line would have gone farther south upon Freeport than was established by the committee in 1832, and would have taken sixteen rods on to what Durham now holds.<sup>1</sup>

[1833.] The town appropriated for schools in 1833, \$2,000; for support of poor, \$700; for highways, \$2,500.

The town clerk was this year directed to procure all plans and papers, of every description, of the Pejepscot Company, which might be of use to the town hereafter, and which related in any way to the settlement of the town, at as moderate an expense as possible. The papers of the Pejepscot Company were, at this time, in the hands of Josiah Little, Jr., of Newburyport (or of Amesbury), Mass. By a sworn statement by John McKeen, the then town clerk, it appears that Mr. Little placed the Pejepscot Papers in his hands upon condition that they should be finally placed in the library of the Maine Historical Society, where they now are. This was certainly the best disposition that could have been made of them, particularly as many of the papers relate not only to Brunswick but to the whole region embraced in the Pejepscot purchase, and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to separate from them those relating exclusively to Brunswick.

The selectmen were this year authorized to grant licenses to retail ardent spirits, on condition that no spirits should be drank in or about the premises of the retailer.

John Coburn was appointed an agent to appear before a committee of the legislature, and to use his best endeavors to carry into effect the vote of the town in favor of the formation of a new county from parts of Cumberland and Lincoln Counties.

[1834.] At a meeting of the town, held July 4, 1834, a lengthy report of the Committee on Town Commons was read and accepted.<sup>2</sup> A committee was also chosen to consider the practicability and advisability of having the town farm upon the Commons, and to estimate the expense of removing the buildings thereto.

At a meeting held August 30, the Report of the Committee on Town Commons, Poorhouse, etc., was read, but its consideration was postponed to a further meeting. The selectmen were instructed to have the report printed and also to have the Commons surveyed.

The selectmen were also directed to petition the legislature for permission to use the Commons for agricultural purposes or to dispose of them at some future day, should the town ever so direct. They were,

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

<sup>2</sup> *See Chapter XIX.*

moreover, directed to procure the same permission from the Pejepscot proprietors ; and also to demand a rent from all parties occupying the Commons, and to remove all persons refusing or neglecting to pay the rent.

[1835.] At a town meeting, held April 27, 1835, it was voted to build a town-house without unnecessary delay.

The village school district this year applied for an Act of Incorporation, for certain municipal purposes, and an Act to this effect was passed by the legislature and received the approval of the governor, January 28, 1836.

At the annual meeting this year the town appropriated seven hundred dollars to pay for the town-house, and the Building Committee were authorized to borrow the needed balance of three hundred dollars. The town-house was completed this year.

[1837.] The town met at the town-house for the first time on January 16, 1837. The town, at this meeting, voted to receive its proportion of the money deposited with the State by the United States, in pursuance of "an Act to regulate the deposits of the public money," on the condition specified in the Act of this State entitled "An Act providing for the disposition and repayment of the public money apportioned to the State of Maine, on deposit, by the government of the United States." James F. Matthews was appointed the agent of the town to receive this money. The revenue of the United States had for some years been in excess of the demands of government, and this Act of Congress was to distribute the surplus to the States.

At a meeting of the town in April, the selectmen were authorized to loan the town's share of the surplus revenue to citizens of the town, on good personal security, in sums not exceeding two hundred dollars to any one individual.

At a meeting held in July, the selectmen were directed to collect what had been loaned, as it became due, and to deposit the amount, together with the remaining portion of the surplus revenue, with the citizens in the following manner : —

The sum total was to be divided into as many shares as there were inhabitants of the town at the last enumeration, and each male head of a family, and each female head of a family where there was no male head, should be entitled to receive, on deposit, one share for each member of his or her family actually resident at home in the family on the first day of the preceding March, including the heads of the family, the daughters, the sons, under the age of twenty-one years, and the



regular apprentices. Each male above twenty-one years of age, without a family, was entitled to receive one share.

The receipts, which were to be taken in all cases, were to contain a promise of repayment, without interest, of the sum given, whenever the town should be required to repay it to the treasury of the State.

At a meeting held in September, the preceding vote was so amended as to entitle all who were residents of the town on the first of March previous to a share of the surplus money, and that persons since, but not then, residents should not be entitled to it.

[1838.] At the annual meeting in April, 1838, the town voted to relieve those who had received shares of the surplus revenue money from all obligation to return it, since the legislature had passed an Act releasing towns from a similar obligation.

The town voted to refer to the Building Committee the deeds of the gifts from Reverend William Allen and David Dunlap, Esquire. The above vote refers to the deeds of the land upon which the town-house was built.

[1841.] The overseers of the poor were authorized in 1841 to sell the poorhouse and farm whenever they could do so for a not less sum than \$1,500.

In regard to several proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State, the town voted as follows:—

In favor of increasing the number of representatives, but against establishing the number at one hundred and fifty-one; in favor of electing the governor for two years instead of one, and in favor of having the legislative meeting but once in two years.

[1842.] In 1842 a petition from Isaac Lincoln and others, to have the town house sold or else to have it moved to the village, was dismissed.

[1844.] The town in 1844 voted in favor of an amendment to the Constitution of the State, changing the meeting of the legislature to May.

[1845.] A new hearse was purchased in 1845, by order of the town, and the old one was repaired and fitted with runners for use in the winter season.

[1847.] At the annual meeting in 1847 the selectmen were instructed to have the bell on the Universalist Church rung daily, for the ensuing year, at the expense of the town.

The town also at this meeting appropriated two hundred dollars towards the purchase of a clock to be located in the tower of the Universalist Church.

The town this year voted in favor of so amending the Constitution of the State as to prohibit the loaning of the credit of the State to any amount exceeding \$300,000 in the aggregate; and also, against an amendment providing that the governor, senators, and representatives should be elected by a plurality instead of majority vote.

[1849.] In 1849 the town voted to dispose of Engine No. 1 and to purchase a new one, and for that purpose the sum of three hundred dollars was appropriated. The town this year refused, by a vote of one hundred and fourteen to sixteen, to adopt an Act of the legislature, which was passed July 16, 1846, and was entitled "An Act for the License and Regulation of Stationary Steam-Engines."

[1850.] The town voted in 1850 in favor of a constitutional amendment, which provided for a meeting of the legislature in January instead of May.

At a subsequent meeting this year the town voted to accept an Act of the legislature authorizing certain cities and towns to grant aid in the construction and completion of the Kennebeck and Portland Railroad, and also voted to loan its credit to that company for the sum of \$75,000, according to the conditions and for the security provided in the Act. The vote was five hundred and eighty-eight in favor, and two hundred and fifty-two against the measure.

The inhabitants changed their minds in regard to stationary steam-engines, and the town accordingly voted this year to accept the Act in reference to the same, which was approved July 16, 1846.

[1851.] A protest, signed by one hundred and thirty-five of the inhabitants of Brunswick, was presented to the town in 1851. This protest was against the vote to loan money to the Kennebec and Portland Railroad, and was made on the ground that the Act of the legislature authorizing it was illegal, unconstitutional, and not binding upon the town.

[1856.] In 1856 the town authorized the selectmen to grant the use of the town-house to the Brunswick Light Infantry for an armory.

[1857.] The Act of the legislature, approved March 13, 1855, granting authority to cities and towns to adopt ordinances or by laws for sidewalks, was accepted in 1857, and a committee, consisting of the selectmen and Richard Greenleaf, Esquire, was appointed to lay out and determine the width of the different sidewalks in Brunswick, and to prepare some by-laws in reference to the same, which they were to report at a future meeting.

Another committee was also appointed this year, consisting of Messrs. Abner B. Thompson, John C. Humphreys, William G. Bar-

rows, Samuel R. Jackson, Richard Greenleaf, and John McKeen, to investigate all matters relating to the town Commons; to ascertain what title the town had to them, and the boundaries thereof; to ascertain what encroachments had been made upon them, and all other facts relating to the subject, and to make a report at some future meeting.

Some time between March 16 and the first Monday in June, the town-house was destroyed by fire. The June meeting met — by adjournment — at the ruins of the town-house, and adjourned to McLellan's Hall.

The committee on sidewalks reported at this meeting the names of the streets upon which they had constructed sidewalks, the widths of the walks, and a code of by-laws in regard to the same.

The selectmen were authorized to dispose of the materials of the town-house which remained after the fire, and of the lot upon which it stood.

[1858.] At a meeting of the town, held January 18, 1858, to see what measures the town would adopt for the purpose of obtaining a charter for a city government, it was voted to appoint a committee of nine, — three from the village, three from the east, and three from the west part of the town, — to consider the matter and to report in one week. This committee reported, January 25, that the east and west portions of the town were opposed to a city form of government, but that the village was strongly in favor of it. A motion to petition the legislature for a charter as a city was lost by a vote of twenty-six majority. It was, however, voted that the village school-district should have leave to petition the legislature for a city charter for said district, under the name of the city of Brunswick, and the selectmen and town clerk were directed to petition the legislature to that effect. This they did, and upon February 10, a committee of the legislature reported a bill to incorporate the village district as the city of Brunswick. This bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. It was afterwards passed, and was approved by the governor, March 29. The bill provided for its acceptance by the whole town within thirty days, or to be null and void. At a meeting of the town, April 27, the charter was read, and rejected by a majority vote of one hundred and one.

At the annual meeting in March, the sum of seven hundred dollars was appropriated for a night watch. The committee on town Commons reported at this time. The report was accepted, and it was voted that the town agent be empowered and directed to communicate with the several parties whose lots abutted on the Commons, and in case any of



them should decline to give the matter to referees, he was instructed to institute legal proceedings against them, that the rights of the town might be maintained and protected. The selectmen were also instructed to cause permanent stone monuments to be erected, in order to mark clearly the boundary lines of the Commons, whenever these lines should be authoritatively ascertained.

At a meeting held June 7, the town voted almost unanimously for the Prohibitory Liquor Law of 1858, there being but one vote for the License Law of 1856. This vote shows either an unparalleled sentiment in the town in favor of prohibition, or else that those in heart opposed to a temperance reform believed that its advocates had over-shot the mark and that there would be a speedy reaction.

The town this year voted against granting State aid to a proposed Aroostook Railroad, and in favor of exempting future manufacturing establishments from taxation for a period of ten years.

[1860.] A committee was appointed in 1860 to consider the propriety of building a new town hall. They recommended the erection of a building on the corner of Maine and Pleasant Streets, at an estimated cost of \$5,000. The town, however, refused to build.

[1862.] In 1862 the town lines between Brunswick and Freeport, Brunswick and Durham, Brunswick and Harpswell, and Brunswick and Bath, were perambulated by the selectmen of Brunswick and the authorities of the other places named, and monuments were erected to mark the line.

[1866.] An article in the warrant for a special meeting in November, 1866, in relation to petitioning the legislature to set Brunswick off from Cumberland County, was dismissed.

A new hearse was this year procured.

[1869, 1870.] In 1869, and again in 1870, propositions were made looking to the erection of a town hall, but they were defeated, and none has yet [1877] been erected.

[1872.] In 1872 a proposition was made for the erection of a monument in memory of the fallen heroes of the Rebellion. A committee was appointed to consider the subject, and at a subsequent meeting reported in favor of such a monument, but the town decided adversely to its erection.

All important acts of the town not embraced in this chapter will be found in other connections.

## CHAPTER III.

## MUNICIPAL HISTORY OF HARPSWELL.

## UNDER COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE place formerly known as Wescustego was, on September 22, 1680, incorporated as a plantation by the name of North Yarmouth.

In 1731 the limits of North Yarmouth were determined by order of the General Court as follows:—

“To begin at a white Rock by the side of the Bay dividing between Falmouth & North Yarmouth & to extend from thence into the woods North west by Falmouth line eight miles, and from y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> white Rock to extend by the Bay to the mouth of Bungamunganock River, from thence to extend eight miles into the woods on a line parallel to Falmouth line & from thence to Falmouth line aforesaid, & from the afores<sup>d</sup> white Rock & mouth of Bungamunganock River S<sup>d</sup> Township to extend south east, the width of s<sup>d</sup> Township to the Main Sea so as to include the Islands within s<sup>d</sup> courses.”

On April 6, 1733, the township was incorporated as a town.<sup>1</sup>

In 1735 a committee appointed by the General Court ran the line of the town as follows:—

“Beginning at the mouth of Bungamunganock River on the west-erly side thence south east over Maquoit Bay to Mare Point and said line runs over Minot's Barn which stands on s<sup>d</sup> Point, thence over Middle Bay to Merriconeag neck, thence across s<sup>d</sup> neck and Merriconeag river to a point on Sebascodegan Island to an Inlet of water called the Basin, thence crossing another part of s<sup>d</sup> Island to a small Island called Egg Island in Quahaug River, thence crossing another part of s<sup>d</sup> Island running a S. E. course across the bay to small Point, thence to Hunnewell's Cove, thence crossing s<sup>d</sup> cove and so on in a S. E. line to the Main sea at mouth of Kennebec River.”

The present town of Harpswell, or the greater portion of it, was, it will be observed, at this time embraced within the limits of the town of North Yarmouth, of which town it constituted a parish.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Maine Historical Society Collection*, 2, pp. 172, 176. *Russell's History of North Yarmouth*.

<sup>2</sup> *Maine Historical Collection*, 2, p. 180.

[1740.] In the year 1740 Merriconeag Neck was annexed to Brunswick, as will be seen by the following petitions to and order of the General Court:—

“TO HIS EXCELENCY JONATHAN BELCHER ESQ. CAPTAIN GENERAL AND GOVERNOUR IN CHIEF, THE HONOURABLE THE COUNCIL AND HONOURABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS MAJESTY’S PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY IN NEW ENGLAND IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 1740.

“THE PETITION OF THE PROPRIETORS OF THE NECK OF LAND IN CASCO BAY IN THE COUNTY OF YORK, CALLED BY THE NAME OF MERECONEGE NECK:—

“HUMBLY SHEWETH

“That Whereas the said Neck of Land, is one half part of it within the line of the Township of North Yarmouth, and having Paid Rates and Taxes to said Township, both to Church and State, altho’ the Inhabitants there live above Thirty miles distant by Land from the Meeting House, and twelve miles by Sea across two very Dangerous Bays, (Especially in the Winter time) being also many times Impassable in canous, with their Familys thereby depriving them of the Public Worship of God, for a great part of their time, which is a very great discouragement to the Setlers, and Whereas this Honourable Court have been pleased Two years since to Invest the Township of Brunswick with all priviledges as the other Towns in this Province Enjoy and that Brunswick Meeting House is but Three Miles distant from the upper end of said Neck, adjoyning to Brunswick Town, and no Water to pass over which makes it easy to repair thereto without the Danger and Dificulty of the Winter and Tempests by Water and the very great length of way by Land.

“May it please your Excellency and Honours, We Humbly pray, That you would be pleased for the prevention of the aforesaid Inconveniences to set off the Familys that may Inhabit said Neck of Land, from the Town of North Yarmouth, and annex them to the Town of Brunswick, especially since but a part of said neck of Land is couched within the line of North Yarmouth Township. And as in Duty Bound your Petitioners shall ever pray.

“JOSEPH WADSWORTH  
ADAM WINTHROP  
HENRY GIBBS  
BELCHER NOYES  
JOB LEWIS

*for ourselves and Partners.”*



“ We the Inhabitants of the said Neck of Land Most Humbly [Pray?] That your Excelency and Honours would be pleased to grant the Prayer of the above named Proprietors of said Neck of Land that we may be Released under our very Great hardships, and as in Duty Bound shall ever pray.

“ JAMES BREWER  
JOHN MATHEWS  
WILLIAM MAGRAY  
EDWARD QUINGHAM  
WILLIAM GIBSON  
MOSES GATCHELL  
JOSHUA CROMWELL  
SAMUEL WINCHELL  
JOHN ORR  
WILLIAM MACKNESS  
THOMAS MCGREGOR  
JOHN SMART  
JOHN LINDSEY  
BENJAMIN DENSLOW

RICHARD JAUQUES  
JOHN STOVER  
ELISHA ALLEN  
ISAAC HALL  
SAMUEL STANDWOOD  
DAVID STANDWOOD  
JOHN STEVENS  
JOHN ROSS JUN<sup>r</sup>.  
SETH TOOTHAKER  
JOB MOULTON  
ABIEL SPRAGE  
WAIT WEBBER  
EBENEZER TOOTHAKER ”

“ IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 3, 1740.

“ Read and ordered, That the Petitioners serve the Town of North Yarmouth with a copy of this Petition that they Shew Cause if any they have on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant, if the Court be then sitting, if not, on the first Thursday of the next Sitting of this Court, why the Prayer thereof should not be granted.

“ Sent up for concurrence

“ J. QUINCY, *Sp<sup>ker</sup>*

“ IN COUNCIL June 4<sup>th</sup> 1740.

“ Read and Concurred

“ SIMON FROST *Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>*

“ Consented to

“ J. BELCHER.

“ A true Copy Exam<sup>d</sup>.

“ SIMON FROST *Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>* ”

“ The following order passed on the petition of the Propriet<sup>rs</sup> of Merriconeag Neck, viz<sup>t</sup>

“ IN COUNCIL June 27, 1740

“ Read again and it appearing that the Town of North Yarmouth has been duly served with a copy of the Petition but no answer given

in, Ordered that the prayer of the Petition be granted, and that that part of the Neck of Land within Mentioned which heretofore belonged to the Town of North Yarmouth together with the Inhabitants thereon, be and hereby are set off from the said Town of North Yarmouth, and annexed to & accounted as part of the Town of Brunswick there to do Duty and receive Priviledge accordingly.

“ Sent down for Concurrence

“ SIMON FROST *Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>*

“ IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES June 28, 1740.

“ Read & Concurred

“ J. QUINCY *Sp<sup>kr</sup>*

“ Consented to

“ J. BELCHER.

“ A true copy Examined

“ SIMON FROST *Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>* ”<sup>1</sup>

[1741.] Merriconeag Neck remained, however, annexed to Brunswick for a short time only, as on August 1, 1741, the foregoing bill was again brought before the Council, together with the answer of Ammi Ruhamat Cutter, agent for the town of North Yarmouth, and the matter having been thoroughly considered, it was voted “ that the order of this Court within written passed the twenty seventh of June *last* (A) be & is hereby superseded & set aside, and that such of the Inhabitants of the neck of land within mentioned, (B) as are consenting thereto and shall give in their names to the Town Clerk of Brunswick for that purpose be & hereby are set off to the Town of Brunswick so far as relates to the Ministry, to do duty and receive priviledge accordingly.” This vote was sent to the House of Representatives August 5, where it was read and concurred in, with the addition of some amendments at the places marked A and B. The first amendment simply inserted the date, and the second one added the words, “ with their estates.”<sup>2</sup>

This legislation was not satisfactory to the people of Brunswick, nor to many of those upon Merriconeag Neck, and accordingly the following petitions were sent to the General Court this same year : —

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

"TO HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM SHIRLY ESQ GOVERNOUR & COMANDER  
IN CHIEF IN & OVER HIS MAJESTYES PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS  
BAY IN NEW ENGLAND,

THE HONOURABLE HIS MAJESTYES COUNCILL, AND THE HONOURABLE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERALL COURT ASSEMBLED ANNO DOMINI,  
1741.

"THE PETITION OF THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF  
BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF YORK IN BEHALF OF SAID  
TOWN,

HUMBLY SHEWETH

"That the S<sup>d</sup> town being of but small Extent and the Inhabitants as yet but few in number & a considerable part of the Soil not so rich and fitt for tillage as in many other towns, and tho' the said Inhabitants from a Principle of Loyalty & dutifullness to the Government, are ready & desirous to do what they can towards the support of the publick charge, yet for the reasons above mentioned, they find it very difficult to maintain their families & support the ministry, & much more to pay the Province tax which the Honourable Court was pleased to lay upon them last year, and they find this Disability in some measure Increased by reason that a considerable part of Mericoneag Neck, which hapens to fall within the line of North yarmouth, by reason of the large extent of S<sup>d</sup> township into the Sea Cuting of the whole front of Brunswick next the sea, which was the last year by order of the Generall Court annexed to Brunswick has been since Set back to North yarmouth; Now we beg leave Humbly to Represent to your Excellency & Honours that the town of North yarmouth is in extent of land more than three times as large as Brunswick, without reckoning in the Necks & Islands Couched within the lines of S<sup>d</sup> town, which much Increase the proportion, and the S<sup>d</sup> town is much more numerous in Inhabitants, & their land by long Cultivation is become much more profitable. so that they cannot be reasonably suposed to stand in need of so small an addition as Mericoneag Neck. Now whereas the uper part of S<sup>d</sup> neck, is Contiguous to Brunswick and the rest of it by land, is 18 miles nearer to the center of Brunswick & to S<sup>d</sup> meeting house than to North yarmouth meeting house, & a much nearer & safer way to Brunswick in time of danger, where they can be relieved by land from Brunswick town, which they cannot readily, by North yarmouth. by land or water, and the addition of it to Brunswick, would something increase their number, & at present in Some measure Enable them to discharge the heavy tax laid upon them, which is very burthensom by reason of their Continuall fears and great



poverty of the Inhabitants (excepting four or five families) Your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that your Honours will so far Compassionate & Encourage them as to annex unto Brunswick the whole of S<sup>d</sup> neck viz: that part of it that is couched within North yarmouth line & the uper part of it that lies between the lines of North yarmouth and Brunswick and which at present is within the bounds of no town and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c.

<p>“ BENJ<sup>A</sup> LARRABEE, WYMOND BRADBURY, SAML HINKLEY,</p>	}	<p><i>Selectmen of Brunswick.</i></p>
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“ We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Merriconeag Neck in Casco bay, such of us as fall within the line of North-yarmouth finding ourselves under a great burthen & disadvantage in being subjected to that town from whence we are so very remote & from whence we can expect no manner of benefit on account of the Ministry, School, or otherwise, & others of us who are not within the bounds of any town but lying between the lines of North yarmouth & Brunswick, but lying contiguous to Brunswick & Judging it to be very much for our Comfort & benefit to belong to s<sup>d</sup> town, do Humbly Joyn with the Inhabitants of Brunswick in the within Petition, and earnestly Supplicate your Excellency & Honours that for the reasons therein set forth you will be pleased to annex the whole of Mericoneag Neck to the town of Brunswick & your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

“ RICHARD JAKES  
WAIT WEBBER  
JOHN STOVER  
JOHN MATHEWS  
THOMAS MCGREGOR  
NATH<sup>L</sup> L. BARNES ”<sup>1</sup>

These petitions were not favorably received by the General Court, but on June 14, 1749, that body, in response to a petition of the inhabitants of that portion of Merriconeag Neck and the adjoining islands, which was within the limits of North Yarmouth, passed an order to the effect that the Neck, the land and islands mentioned in the petition, and the northeast part of Sebascodegan Island, should be a distinct and separate precinct.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers. Original Petition.*

<sup>2</sup> *Massachusetts Records, 1749.*

In 1758 the following Act of Incorporation was passed : —

"ANNO REGNI

REGIS GEORGII

SECUNDI TRICES-



IMO PRIMO.

"AN ACT

For incorporating a neck of land called Mericoneag Neck, and certain Islands adjacent, in the County of York into a Separate District by the name of ———

"*Whereas* the Inhabitants of Mericoneag Neck and the Islands adjacent have humbly represented to this Court the difficulties and great inconveniences they labour under in their present situation and have earnestly requested that they may be invested with powers privileges and immunities of a District.

"*Therefore be it enacted* by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, That the said Neck of Land beginning where Brunswick line intersects the upper end of said Neck which is four rods above the Narrows of said Neck commonly called the Carrying Place, from thence including the whole of said Neck down to the Sea, together with the Islands adjacent hereafter mentioned, viz: Great Sebascodegan Island alias Shapleighs Island, Little Sebascodegan Island,<sup>1</sup> and Wills<sup>2</sup> Island lying to the South east side of said Neck; Birch Island, Whites Island and the two Goose Islands lying on the Northwest side of said neck and Damariscove Islands<sup>3</sup> lying at the lower end of said Neck, be and hereby are incorporated into a separate District by the name of *Harpswell*.

"And the Inhabitants of said Neck of land and Islands shall be and hereby are invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities that the several towns in this Province by law do or may enjoy, that of sending a Representative only excepted.

"And be it further enacted That John Minot Esq. be and hereby is empowered to issue his warrant to some principal Inhabitant of the said District requiring him in his Majestys name to warn and notify the said Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs to meet together at such time and place in said District as by said Warrant shall be appointed to choose such officers as the law directs and may be necessary to manage the affairs of said District:

"And the said Inhabitants being so met shall be and hereby are empowered to choose officers accordingly.

<sup>1</sup> Now Orr's Island.

<sup>2</sup> Now Bailey's Island.

<sup>3</sup> One of which is now called Haskell's Island.

“JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> 1758,

“This bill having been read three several times in the House of Representatives passed to be enacted

“F. HUBBARD, *Speaker*.

“JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> 1758,

“This bill having been read three several times in Council passed to be enacted

“A. OLIVER, *Sec’y*.

“JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup> 1758,

“By the Governor I consent to the enacting of this bill

“T. POWNAL.

“Copy examined

“A. BRADFORD

“*Sec’y of Commonwealth of Massachusetts*”

It will be observed that no reference is made in the foregoing Act to the town of North Yarmouth. This would convey the impression that when Harpswell was made a precinct, it became legally separated from that town, which was probably the case.

The present name of the town is not known to have been used prior to the incorporation. By whom it was first suggested is not known. One authority<sup>1</sup> states that it was so named by the General Court, but according to traditionary accounts the name was given by the Dunnings. There is a Harpswell in Lincolnshire, England, and the name was probably first suggested by some emigrant from that vicinity and was favored by the Dunnings, who were English people, though from another county.

Harpswell, though similar to an incorporated town in most respects, had not the privilege of being represented at the General Court, and was therefore only a district.

The first recorded meeting of the district was held March 30, 1758. At this meeting Captain John Stover was chosen moderator; Andrew Dunning, clerk; David Curtis, Isaac Hall, and Andrew Dunning, selectmen and assessors; Lieutenant Lemuel Turner, district treasurer; Elijah Douglas and Taylor Small, constables; James Babbage, Seth Toothaker, and John Coombs, titling-men; Waitstill Webber, William Alexander, and Joseph Thompson, surveyors of highways;

<sup>1</sup> Kellogg, MSS. Lecture.



Edward Easters, Thomas McGregor, and Joseph Linscott, fence-viewers; Nathan Adams, James Gardner, and John Snow, hog-reeves; and Elisha Allen, sealer of leather. It was voted at this meeting that hogs and horses should be allowed to run at large, according to the existing law. The meeting adjourned to the last Wednesday in May.

At the adjourned meeting on May 25, the following votes were passed:—

That Alexander Wilson and Andrew Dunning should be a committee to settle with North Yarmouth, and to receive whatever money was due the town.

To have no schoolmaster this year.

That the selectmen should lay out the highways as they might deem advisable.

That the selectmen should settle “with Mr. Jaques, the former treasurer” probably of the former precinct or parish, “and should remove the Treasury into Lemuel Turner’s hands.”

That Thomas McGregor should be collector for that year, on the Neck, and should be allowed thirteen shillings and four pence for his services.

That Mr. William Harsey should be paid fifteen shillings for his trouble in making out the rates for the parish in 1755.

That Mr. William Blake and Mrs. Mary Young should be paid twelve shillings each, for making out the rates at the same time.

That Captain Timothy Bailey should be paid one pound for a note that he gave in the year 1751 “for the Place being presented.”

That Mr. Curtis be paid £33 1s. 1d. “for taking up Mr. Pattis-halls execution against the Parish.”

That he have eighteen shillings for his time and expense in taking up the execution.

That Benjamin Jaques be paid thirteen shillings four pence “for going with Mr. Curtis to take up Patishal’s execution.”

That Benjamin Jaques and Alexander Wilson be paid three shillings each “for getting a power [of attorney?] to give Mr. Ralph Farnan.”

That fourteen shillings be allowed Richard Starbird on his assessment for 1754.

That Samuel Eaton be paid three pounds for serving as clerk for four years; and that Lieutenant Lemuel Turner be paid eighteen shillings, David Curtis twenty-four shillings, and Captain Timothy Bailey three shillings, for going to North Yarmouth. It will be seen

that most of the foregoing relates to past transactions of the precinct, or parish, which have not been preserved as matters of record.

[1759.] On May 9, 1759, a committee was chosen to settle the district and parish affairs, and another committee was also chosen to settle with the town of North Yarmouth, and to receive what money was due to Harpswell. At this meeting it was also voted to build a pound near the meeting-house, and also one on Mr. Joseph Thompson's land on the island called Great Sebascodegan.

On May 30, of this year, the town voted to purchase scales, weights, and measures for use as a standard. Jonathan Flint was allowed £1 9s. for laying out the main road from the Brunswick line to the lower end of the Neck; James Gardner was also paid 3s. for carrying a pole to lay out the road, and Thomas Jones, Jr., and Captain John Stover, 3s. each, for assistance in laying out this road. £13 6s. 8d. was appropriated for the poor.

[1760.] In 1760 the town appropriated 35s. 4d. to pay David Curtis for his expense in obtaining books, scales, and weights.

[1762.] At the May meeting in 1762, it was voted that 2d. per head should be paid for all crows killed on the Neck before the October following.

[1763.] In May, 1763, the town voted to pay Benjamin Jaques, Alexander Wilson, and John Alexander the sums assessed against them for the sloop built the previous year.

[1765.] In 1765 the town voted to allow Nicholas Pinkham the sum assessed upon his father "for the fine laid on the Quakers as appears by State and Rate Bills, 1760."<sup>1</sup>

[1768.] At a meeting held March 25, 1768, the town voted — twenty-six to twelve — not to set off Great Sebascodegan Island as a parish. At a meeting held September 28th, it was voted not to send a delegate to the convention to be held at Boston, but the selectmen, with Andrew Dunning and Benjamin Jaques, were chosen as a committee to prepare and forward a letter to that convention.

[1770.] The records of the meeting on May 22, 1770, contain the following entry: —

"The majority of votes for Mr. Samuel Stanwood as Representative were 20." This is the first mention to be found of the town's being represented at the General Court.

[1772.] In 1772 the town voted to pay David Curtis and Elijah

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<sup>1</sup> *This is the first and only record in either of the three towns where Quakers are spoken of as having been fined.*

Douglas one dollar each "for haling Boards from Brunswick." What the boards were for is not stated, but probably for the school-houses.

[1773.] On January 28, 1773, a communication from the town of Boston, setting forth the rights of the colonies and a statement of the infringement of their rights, was laid before the town for their consideration.

A committee, consisting of William Sylvester, Deacon Andrew Dunning, and Captain Benjamin Jaques, was chosen to write a reply and to submit it to the town at a special meeting to be held on the eighth day of March, at which time the committee reported as follows : —

"That generous Ardor for Civil and Religious Liberty which in the Face of every Danger and even Death itself induced our fore Fathers to forsake the Bosom of their Native Country their Pleasant Seats and Fertile Fields and begin a Settlement in this then a howling Wilderness is not extinct in us their Posterity.

"they Dearly purchased (with many Tears Prayers Mortifications & Self Denials) those happy Gospel Priviledges and Religious Liberties which we enjoy in Conjunction with the Royal Charter these we esteem dear and Sacred — we are greatly alarmed at the Innovations made upon our Charter Rights and think them a Real Grievance — We fear not Poverty but disdain Slavery.

‘ whatever Day,  
Makes Man a Slave takes half his worth away.’

"We shall not particularly enumerate our Grievances but only Say we Concur with the Sentiments of the Committy of Correspondence at Boston as they have stated the rights of the Colonists and of this Province in Particular, and of the Infringements on those Rights. We openly and Frankly declare that we hold Fast our Loyalty to our Sovereign (Independency we have not in View — we abhor the Thought) and hold our Selves in Readiness at all times with our lives and Fortunes to assist his Majesty in his Defence as we have heretofore done (when for the Enlargement of the Brittish Empire, upon the Ruins of their Perfidious French Neighbors we have Cheerfully Emptied our Purses and furnished out our Quota of Men to join the Countless Numbers of loyal Americans who have Sacrificed their lives in the high Places of the Field & Desert — Many of whose Bones are to this Day whitning in the sun) yet we groan under our Burdens we sensibly feel them, but do not despair of Redress If the Importunity of a Poor widow May Moove an unjust Judge to avenge her How much More



May we hope for Redress by Frequent application to our Gracious and good King which application we humbly conceive Should be Dutiful and loyal—Vewing our Selves to be the children and our Gracious Sovereign the Parent. And Could his Excelency Our Governour (whom we highly esteem & think to be endow<sup>d</sup> with Singular abilities) be prevailed upon to join the other Branches of the Legislature Supplicating the Throne for Redress it appears to us the Most probable way of obtaining his Majestys Royal Attention and Relief.

“ WILLIAM SYLVESTER	} <i>Committy.”</i>
AND <sup>w</sup> DUNING	
BENJ <sup>n</sup> JAQUES	

The records continue as follows :—

“ The question being put whether the foregoing Report be accepted it Passed in the Affirmative *Nemine contradicente* and thereupon voted William Sylvester Esqr., Deacon Andrew Duning & Capt. Benj. Jaques a Committy to Transmit an attested Coppy from the Clerk to the Comitty of Correspondence at Boston with the Thanks of this District to that Respectable Patriotic Town.”

[1774.] At the annual meeting in 1774, the town passed the following votes : “ to allow Andrew Duning 6 shillings a year since 1759 for services as Clerk,” and “ to fence the burying place with stone or boards, as the Committee think proper.”

At a special meeting, held August 11, William Sylvester, Esquire, Andrew Dunning, and Deacon Isaac Snow were chosen a committee to reply to sundry letters from the town of Boston, relative to entering into a covenant for the non-consumption of British goods.

The committee reported as follows :—

“ That the Town of Boston is Now Suffering in the Common Cause, a Cause which we Esteem to be Our Own that it is our Fixed Resolution not to be Awed into Acquiescence by a Mad Exertion of Mere Power on the Part of Our Enemies but to hold and Defend Our Charter Rights to the Last. that a general Agreement between the Colonies of non importation & non exportation faithfully observed would (under God) be a Means of the Salvation of our falling Country that as the Honourable House of Representatives Did on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1774 Resolve that a Committy Should be appointed to Meet as Soon as May be the Committies that are or shall be appointed by the Several Colonies on this Continant to Consult together upon the Present State of the Colonies and to Deliberate & Determine upon Wise and Propper Measures to be by them Recomended to All the

Colonies for the Recovery & Establishment of their Just Rights — & it is our Opinion that our now Coming into the non-Consumption agreement Previous to the Result of the Congress would be Premature and that We should Anticipate the Verry End of that Respectable Body we therefore think it More Regular and Advisable first to hear the Measures advised to by the Congress and we hold our Selves in Readiness to Comply with the Same."

This report was accepted.

On September 14th, Joseph Ewing, Captain John Stover, and Andrew Dunning were chosen a committee "to go to Falmouth to meet the Falmouth and other Town Committees at Falmouth, y<sup>e</sup> 21st of Sept. Inst."

[1775.] On March 20, 1775, the town passed the following vote: "to Give the Men that Shall Engage as Minute Men too Shillings & Eight Pence p<sup>r</sup> Week allowing they Meet three Days each week & spend three Hours Each Day in exercising or Learning the Art Military for One Month from Date Agreeable to the Advice of the Congress — and if Legually called by the Chief Officers to March Out of Town Shall be entitled to forty eight Shillings as A Bounty or Incouragement and the like Incouragement to Any Others that shall be Legally Called as above & comply with the call."

The selectmen were this year instructed to have the town's proportion of the Province rate paid to Henry Gardner, Esquire, "as soon as may be."

William Sylvester, Joseph Orr, Nathaniel Purinton, John Snow, Samuel Bartlett, James Ridley, Joseph Ewing, Andrew Dunning, Benjamin Jaques, Paul Curtis, John Stover, Ebenezer Toothaker, John Roduck, John Farnham, Mark Rogers, William Morgridge, Simeon Hopkins, Ezekiel Curtis, and Anthony Coombs, Jr., were chosen a Committee of Inspection and of Correspondence.

The town also voted to provide a stock of ammunition, double in quantity the amount required by law. On May 1st, William Sylvester, Nathaniel Purinton, John Snow, Benjamin Jaques, and Andrew Dunning were chosen a Committee of Supply.

At a meeting held on the 5th of June, it was voted that "the Remainder of the half barrel of Powder Purchased by the Committy of Supply be a Town Stock." It was also, at this time, "Voted to keep four Watches — One at the intervale By the Harbour or there Abouts One at the High Land Near Benj. Webbers One at the Lookout and One at Jaqueses Hill And Every Person Deficient being Duly Notified to Pay Six Shillings as a fine." It was also voted,

“Not to fire a gun between Sun Set & Sun Rise except at the enemy or an Alarm on Penalty of Setting in the Stocks One Hour.”

The town also voted that the powder should be furnished to those needing it, in the quantity of half a pound for each man, who applied and who should pay or give his note for it.

Captain John Snow, Paul Randall, and William Sylvester were chosen a Committee of Supply and Safety.

At a meeting held July 6th, Captain Nehemiah Curtis was selected to join with the committees of other towns in the county, for the purpose of distributing in the most important places the men who were stationed for a guard upon the sea-coast.

[1776.] At a meeting of the town held January 16, 1776, the selectmen were chosen a committee to embody in a petition to the General Court the necessity there was for an armed guard and a supply of ammunition in the town.

On March 4, William Sylvester, Nathaniel Purinton, Captain Nehemiah Curtis, Captain John Snow, and Lieutenant Benjamin Dunning were chosen a Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety. At a meeting held May 6, the vote of the District in 1775, giving minute-men 2s. 8d. per week for meeting for military practice on three days in each week, for three hours each day, was rescinded. On July 30 it was voted that the selectmen should take charge of the ammunition and arms, receipt for the same, and then distribute them among the officers of the militia, who should be accountable for them. It was also voted to pay Nathaniel Purinton and the seven men who assisted him in bringing guns down the Kennebec River, 4s. each, for two days' labor. It was also voted to pay Deacon Isaac Snow 12s. for his expenses and charge in bringing twenty-five fire-arms from Falmouth. Andrew Dunning was, at this meeting, chosen to take recognizances in Harpswell. At a meeting held on December 20, the following resolutions were passed:—

“Voted the great & General Court or Assembly of this State Do Take up a Form of Government as Soon as they think Proper & that form that Shall tend most to Piety, Peace, Safety and Good Order in this State and agreeable to the Honourable Continental Congress—the vote unanimous at a full Meeting.

“Voted the Selectmen Send to the General Court or Treasurer for Axes, Kittles, Canteens and Money to hire Waggons & Pay the Men that are Draughted their Milage to the Place of Destination.”

[1777.] At the March meeting in 1777, Nathaniel Purinton, Captain John Snow, Captain Nehemiah Curtis, Ezekiel Curtis, and



Andrew Dunning were chosen a Committee of Correspondence and Safety. It was also voted, "Not to Have a Hospetal Built in the County for an Enocolating Hospetal." It was also voted this year to pay Andrew Dunning 12s. for superintending the delivery of powder and flints, and for recording the Declaration of Independence. On November 25, a committee was chosen to supply the families of soldiers with necessary articles.

[1778.] The entry of the May meeting in 1778 commences, "At a meeting of the Town of Harpswell." It is the first time that the records were thus commenced, heretofore the words "parish," "district," or "inhabitants" being used. Yet Harpswell must have been in all respects a town prior to this, having in 1770 elected a representative. At this meeting, Captain John Snow, Joseph Ewing, Benjamin Dunning, Ezekiel Curtis, Captain Thomas Merryman, Paul Randall, and Alexander Ewing were chosen a Committee of Inspection, Safety, and Supply. It was voted to raise £420 "for the reinforcement of nine men now to be raised, and proportioned as hereafter mentioned, viz. to four men for the militia one hundred *dollars* per man. To five men for the Continental Army two hundred *dollars* per man." The selectmen were instructed to hire the money to pay the above bounties, and also the mileage of the soldiers.

At a meeting, held June 24, the town voted to purchase some clothing which had been provided for the soldiers and also to raise the sum of £56 for the four men who had that day enlisted. At another meeting, held on the third of August, it was voted that the selectmen should provide the town's proportion of clothing for the army, in accordance with the order of the General Court, passed the previous June, and that each article of clothing should be of the same price as previously, if of as good quality, and that it should be valued by the same committees.

[1779.] At the March meeting in 1779, Thomas Merryman, James Ridley, and Alexander Ewing were chosen a Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, Safety, and Supply. At a meeting, held July 2, it was voted that all the male inhabitants of Harpswell above the age of sixteen years should take the oath of allegiance to the United States. It was also voted to supply powder and balls from the town stock to such as might need them; that the price of the powder should be £3. and of balls 15s. per pound. — each one being allowed half a pound of powder, and balls in proportion. It was also voted that Michael Curtis, Thomas Farr, Paul Randall, and John Blake should be a committee "to wait on the Justice to tender the oath of allegiance to the United States," and that all males over the age of six-

teen years who refused to take that oath should be disarmed. At a meeting held in August, it was voted to sell eight fire-arms, that had been recently purchased, at forty two and one half dollars each.

[1780.] At the March meeting in 1780, William Sylvester, Esquire, Captain Nehemiah Curtis, Paul Curtis, Thomas Farr, Captain Isaac Snow, Lieutenant Anthony Coombs, and Simeon Hopkins were chosen a Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety. At the May meeting the town voted to raise £2,000 for expenses and £300 for support of the poor.

The proposed new constitution for the State of Massachusetts was read and considered article by article. It was amended "in Page 27th, last line, for the word Christian to have the word Protestant and in Page 33d — the House of Representatives to have a voice in the appointment of officers for the Continental army." Thus amended, thirty voted in favor of, and one against it. At a meeting held in September, the town voted for governor, lieutenant-governor, and senator. John Hancock received fourteen votes as governor; Samuel Adams eight, and James Bowdoin seven, as lieutenant-governor; and John Lewis, fifteen as senator. This is the first record of a vote of this town for State officers.

At a meeting held October 23, a committee was chosen to procure beef for the army.

[1781.] On January 11, 1781, a committee was chosen to procure soldiers for the Continental army, and on the thirtieth of the month the town voted "to give Sixty Pounds L. M. Paid in the Old Way in hard money, Stock, Produce or Equal in other things as shall be agreed on by the Town and Persons Engageing."

At a subsequent meeting, held the third of February, the town voted that the above-named sum should be given as a bounty to each man that should enlist for three years as a soldier, and that it should be paid "by the tenth Day of May next, or as Many Midling Cows & Calfs as shall amount to the Sum at five Pounds for each Cow & Calf or Intrest for the same till Paid."

At a meeting held in March, the town voted that "the Pools [polls] & estates in the Town be Divided into ten classes as Near as may be to Pay the Bounty Given the ten Continental soldiers, the Assessors to assess the Inhabitants & Each Class to collect their Part & Pay to the Agents for the Soldiers according to Agreement." And that "the whole sum contained in the Notes Given the Soldiers be assessed except the Cows that were Promised at the three years end, the Town to be assessed for the money."

At a meeting held in April, a Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety was chosen as usual.

At a June meeting it was voted to raise thirty-five pounds for current expenses and fifteen pounds for the support of the poor, the money to be reckoned in silver dollars at six shillings each, or in other currency equivalent to silver.

In July the town voted to raise £50 in silver, or its equivalent, for the purchase of the beef called for by the General Court in its requisition of June 22.

On December 5, the town voted to pay twenty-two shillings per hundred-weight for the beef needed to fill the second and third requisitions, and to raise £16 for that purpose.

[1782.] In May, 1782, the town voted to relieve the tax collector of all responsibility for the counterfeit money he had received prior to July, 1781, upon his making oath to the facts. The usual Committee of Correspondence, etc., was chosen this year.

[1783.] In March, of this year, the town voted to build two pounds, one to be erected on the neck and the other on the island.

In May, Nathaniel Purinton, Esquire, Lieutenant Anthony Coombs, Deacon Andrew Dunning, Benjamin Dunning, and Lieutenant Michael Curtis were chosen a Committee of Inspection, "on account of the Return of the Absentees."

[1785.] In March, 1785, the town voted to rent a workhouse, also to pay for labor on the highways the following rates: 4s. per day per man, 2s. for oxen, 8*d.* for a cart, and 1s. for a plough.

[1787.] On January 8, 1787, the town voted in favor of the three eastern counties being made a separate State, and Captain Isaac Snow was elected to represent the town at the convention to be held at Portland on the last Wednesday in January.

On December 10, Captain Isaac Snow was elected a delegate to attend the convention to be held at Boston on the second Wednesday of the succeeding January, and a committee was chosen to give him instructions. On the twenty-eighth of the month the town met to hear the instructions which the committee had prepared, and it was at this meeting voted to "except [accept] the federal Constitution with Amendments." This vote explains the object of the convention for which the town had chosen a delegate.

[1792.] The town appears to have been very undecided as to the utility of a separation of the eastern counties from Massachusetts. In January it voted in favor of it and in May against it.

[1794] On August 11, 1794, it was voted "to give the men that



shall go on *this* detachment five dollars as a bounty if they are called for into service. Voted to make up to the men that shall List with the Continental Pay, twelve dollars per month for three months if they should be called into actual service." The object for which a detachment was made from the Harpswell company of militia has not been ascertained. It is evident, however, from the above vote, that it was of a national character.

In November of this year, Stephen Purinton, Johnson Stover, and Benjamin Dunning were chosen to make a survey and plan of the town, in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Court passed the preceding eighteenth of June.

[1795.] This year the town voted — thirty-eight to twelve — against a revision of the Constitution.

[1796.] In May of this year the town voted "That if any let his Ram go at Large between the first day of September and the Tenth Day of November he shall forfeit the Ram."

[1797.] On May 10, 1797, the town again voted against a separation of the District of Maine from the State of Massachusetts.

[1798.] At a meeting held October 15, 1798, the town voted against "the formation of a new county to be composed of the towns of Brunswick, Harpswell, Durham, Georgetown, Bath, Topsham, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Little River, Litchfield, Green, Lewiston, Wales, and Littleborough."

[1803.] In 1803 the town offered a bounty of four cents for each crow killed during that year.

[1805.] In 1805 it was voted that "if the Treasurer shall receive any bank bills that will not pass that the town will receipt for the same." This was a singular way to discountenance the counterfeiting of money.

[1810.] This town seems to have been remarkably lenient towards those who had been imposed upon by counterfeit, or bad money, for this year it was voted "to receive a three dollar bill of the Widow Sarah Haskell, on Vermont State Bank, said not to be good, and give her good money in lieu of the same, and voted that Paul Raymond have the bill and *make sale of it to the best advantage.*"

[1812.] At the annual meeting in 1812, the town voted "that Peter Birthright [and his family] live on the premises where they are and the Selectmen supply them with necessaries."

A present of ten dollars was also voted to Samuel Clark. At a special meeting, held August 24th, Stephen Purinton and John Curtis were elected delegates to a County Convention to be held at Gray "to take

measures to alleviate the miseries of war, and bring about a speedy and lasting peace." The selectmen, with Stephen Purinton and Marlborough Sylvester, were chosen a Committee of Safety and Correspondence.

[1814.] At a meeting held July 25th, the town chose Stephen Purinton as an agent to go to Boston to receive Harpswell's quota of the State stock of arms and ammunition, provided that he could get them at the expense of the State and without cost to the town.

At a town meeting held the seventh of November, the selectmen were chosen a committee to receive into their care the arms and equipments for the town, and were authorized to dispose of the arms, one to a person, on sufficient security that those who received them would deliver them up when called for.

[1816.] In May, 1816, the town again voted against a separation from Massachusetts, and in September also, by a still stronger vote. At this latter meeting Reverend Samuel Eaton was chosen as delegate to the convention to be held at Brunswick on the last Monday in September.

[1817.] In 1817 the collectorship of taxes on the Great Island was struck off at auction to John Reed at five and a quarter cents, and that on the Neck to David Orr at four and a half cents on the dollar.

[1819.] In July, 1819, the town again voted against the separation of Maine, but at a meeting held in September, Stephen Purinton was elected delegate to the Portland convention, and on the sixth of December the town voted in favor of accepting the Constitution prepared by that convention.

#### UNDER STATE OF MAINE.

[1821.] At a meeting held February 25, 1821, the town voted to send a representative to the legislature for their proportionate part of the time, but objected to being classed for representation with any other town. At this meeting the town also voted against being set off from the county of Cumberland, and also against the formation of a new county. At a meeting held in May, it was voted "that Joseph Eaton shall purchase locks and hinges for the town chest, at the expense of the town."

[1822.] In 1822 the town's poor were, according to custom, set at vendue, but a vote was passed that those who bid them off should furnish them with suitable food and with tobacco, but should provide no clothing without the consent of the overseers of the poor. At a meeting of the town, held on December 21, a committee was chosen

to present to the legislature a remonstrance against the proposed division of Cumberland County. At this meeting the selectmen were instructed to remonstrate to the legislature "against the now extended limits of the jail yard in this county."<sup>1</sup> The town also voted that the selectmen and town clerk should "instruct the representative in future events."

[1823.] In 1823 the town voted in favor of allowing the inhabitants of Great Island to be set off as a separate town.

[1825.] At the annual fall meeting this year, "it was motioned and seconded to take the minds of the people whether to send a representative or not, and the vote was not to send. The presiding selectman then told the people if there were any who wished to bring in their votes he should receive them." The result was that John Curtis had twenty-two votes, Paul Randall thirteen, and Peleg Curtis one vote.

[1826.] At the September meeting, in 1826, the town voted that the militia should be furnished with one quarter of a pound of powder for each man — made into blank cartridges — and that the commanders of companies should cause it to be expended in teaching the men precision in firing. Luther Dana was, in November of this year, licensed "as a retailer of strong liquors to be spent out of his shop." This is the first license of the kind recorded in the town records.

[1827.] In 1827 the town voted to let the powder remain in the magazine, and to pay the militia money instead of rations; also, to deliver to each non-commissioned officer and private — at the review inspection — one quarter of a pound of powder to be made into blank cartridges.

[1829.] In 1829 the town voted that the selectmen should grant licenses to sell intoxicating liquors to all suitable persons, who were victuallers or retailers, that should apply for a license agreeably to the provisions of an Act passed in March of that year.

[1831.] On January 3, 1831, the town voted *unanimously* against the formation of a new county, if Harpswell was to be included in it.

On January 25, it was voted to petition the legislature not to class Harpswell with any other town for representation, but for it to authorize the town to elect a representative for such a portion of time and at such period as should be equal to their portion of representation. The request was not granted.

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<sup>1</sup> Was this an exquisite bit of satire, implying that the jail was so insecure that the prisoners roamed all over the county?



[1832.] On July 7, 1832, a law of March, 1832, relating to vaccination was read, and the town then voted to make no provision for vaccinating the inhabitants, and to raise no money for such a purpose. Peleg Curtis, Joseph Eaton, Levi L. Totman, Stephen Snow, and David Johnson, 2d, were chosen a Health Committee, and were instructed to use all reasonable means to prevent the introduction and spread of the cholera in that town.

[1834.] On February 15, 1834, the town voted, for a fourth time, against the formation of a new county, and still again at a meeting in September. It was also voted this year that no licenses should be granted to retailers, permitting them to sell liquor to be drank in their stores. The selectmen were authorized to grant permits for the taking of lobsters, and the next year (1835), they were instructed to grant a license to Captain John Smith, of Waterford, Connecticut, and company, to take lobsters, — he not to employ more than six smacks, — and to none others, for the sum of one hundred dollars per year until the town ordered otherwise.

[1836.] An article in the warrant for the annual meeting of the town in 1836, for purchasing one or more hearses, was “passed over,” and until the year 1877 there was no hearse in town.

[1837.] In March of this year the representative was instructed to favor the passage of an Act so that the town might receive its proportion of the surplus revenue. At a meeting, held the next April, Benjamin Randall was chosen an agent to receive the town's proportion of the surplus revenue, and it was voted to have this money loaned to the citizens, and a committee was chosen to superintend the loan. It was also, at this meeting, voted that the overseers of the poor should try to remove all negroes from the town. This action may have been due to antipathy against the race, but it was more probably because the negroes were all paupers. The town, also, this year, voted almost unanimously against an amendment to the State Constitution relative to bail.

[1838.] This year the town voted that the surplus revenue money should be divided among the citizens, *per capita*, as soon as it could be collected. Paul Randall was chosen an agent to collect and distribute it, and he was authorized to collect it “in Union Bank bills and small change.”

[1839.] The town this year voted against a proposed amendment to the State Constitution, relating to the tenure of judicial officers.

[1840.] At the regular meeting this year a committee was appointed to consider and report concerning the annual value of the

lobster privilege. They reported that it was worth one hundred and ten dollars per year, and the town voted to lease it at that price.

[1841.] The town, this year, voted in favor of a resolve of the legislature, passed in April, which reduced the number of representatives to one hundred and fifty-one. Also, in favor of diminishing the number of representatives when they reached two hundred. The town, this year, again petitioned the legislature not to class Harpswell with any other town, but to assign its proportion of representation.

[1843.] A committee was chosen, this year, to ascertain where land could be purchased for an almshouse.

[1844.] The town, in 1844, voted very strongly against a resolve of the legislature for amending the Constitution, which was passed March 19, and it also voted unanimously against an Act to establish town courts, which was passed by the legislature, March 22.

[1845.] In February, 1845, a committee was chosen to petition the legislature for a separate representation. Several meetings were held in the winter and spring of this year, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Samuel Mayall, the representative to the legislature. There was no choice, as this town voted each time for a Harpswell man instead of one from Gray, the town with which it was classed in representation. The town this year purchased land and built a house — which it still owns — on Lamboe's Point, for Thomas J. Pennell and family, who had lately removed from Gray. Pennell was a poor man, but able-bodied, and the town furnished this assistance as a precautionary measure to keep him from becoming a pauper.

[1846.] This year the town had the same trouble as the year before in regard to electing a representative.

[1847.] The town in 1847 voted against a resolve of the legislature which provided for the election of representatives to the legislature by a plurality vote; also, against an Act pledging the credit of the State and creating a State debt.

[1851.] In 1851 the town again petitioned for a separate representation in the State legislature.

[1852.] In 1852 the selectmen were instructed to appoint an agent to sell liquors.

[1853.] At a special meeting, held on February 26, 1853, the town was found to be unanimously opposed to Harpswell being set off from Cumberland and annexed to another county, and it was voted to remonstrate against all petitions for new counties that included Harpswell.

[1855.] In March of this year the town voted not to dispense with a liquor agency, but that if the selectmen should appoint an agent they should buy the liquor and pay him a reasonable compensation for selling it, the town receiving the profits thereof. In September the town voted against certain proposed amendments to the State Constitution, by which judges of probate, registers of probate, sheriffs, municipal and police judges, land-agent, attorney-general, and adjutant-general should be elected by the people.

[1856.] In March, 1856, the selectmen were instructed to see if the old meeting-house could be obtained of the proprietors, and in September the town voted to buy it for a town-house, for one hundred dollars, the price being that fixed by the proprietors.

[1857.] The selectmen were instructed in 1857 to remove the body pews in the town-house, build a chimney, provide wood, etc.

[1858.] At a special meeting, held in May of this year, the town voted unanimously in favor of the prohibitory law; fifty-nine votes being cast.

[1859.] The town in 1859 voted against State aid to the "Aroostook Railroad Company." It was also voted that the selectmen should take counsel in reference to some disputed islands adjacent to Harpswell, and should report as to the probability of the town's being able to deny them. The representative to the legislature was instructed to use all means in his power to reduce the expenses of the State government.

[1861.] In 1861 the town voted to petition the legislature for a separate representation for the term of ten years. The request was not granted.

The town records, subsequently to the last date, contain nothing of general interest, except what relates to the enlistment of volunteers and the support of their families, which will be mentioned in another connection, until 1865.

[1865.] At a meeting, held April 8, of this year, it was voted to raise \$2,500 to purchase a town farm. Charles Stover, Paul C. Alexander, and Paul A. Durgan were chosen to hire the money and were instructed to hire it on town bonds, running fifteen years. This vote, however, was evidently never carried into effect.

[1866.] At the annual meeting in 1866 the town voted to leave the poor in the care of the overseers. It was also voted to raise \$1,500 for the support of the poor.

[1867.] In 1867 the selectmen were authorized and instructed to have a room finished in the gallery of the town-house for an office,



and also to build a chimney and procure a stove, and to have the building shingled. At a meeting held June 3d, the town voted unanimously in favor of an Act of the legislature for the suppression of drinking-houses and tipping-shops.

[1869.] At the annual meeting this year it was voted to buy a town farm, and L. H. Stover, William C. Eaton, and S. S. Toothaker were chosen a committee to get proposals, and were instructed to report at a meeting to be called for the purpose. The committee reported on the twenty-fourth of April, and the town voted to raise \$3,000 by loan to purchase a farm, and the selectmen were instructed (if in their judgment the interests of the town required the purchase of a town farm) to purchase such a farm as they should think proper, and make the necessary repairs on the same.

[1870.] At the annual meeting in 1870, the town voted to leave the care of the poor with the overseers, and also to raise \$1,500 for their support. The town also voted "that the treasurer be instructed to keep the State bonds arising from equalization in his own house."

[1871.] On January 14, 1871, the town voted that the selectmen and overseers of the poor "be and are hereby instructed to build a new barn for James Alexander in place of the one destroyed by fire, and that they furnish him with hay and sufficient farming tools, using their discretion in the matter."

The town also passed the following resolve: —

"That in our candid judgment the burning of the barn of James Alexander, 2d, and the maiming of his cattle in the night-time by some person or persons unknown, is an outrage upon a peaceable community which demands the most vigorous efforts to detect and convict the perpetrator, as no person is safe in his person or property in a community containing at large such a person.

"Therefore, *Resolved*, That the selectmen be authorized and instructed and are hereby required to make diligent search to apprehend and convict the offender, using their discretion as to the methods to be taken to produce that result."

The selectmen were also instructed to oppose the repeal of the Porgie Law, before the Committee on Fisheries at Augusta.

At a meeting held February 6th, the following preamble and resolution were passed by unanimous vote: —

"Whereas the location of our town of Harpswell is so isolated and is so far removed from any town not entitled to a representative, that it would be very inconvenient, and of no benefit to have it classed for representation.

“Therefore, *Resolved*, That we in our corporate capacity, agreeable to the requirements of the constitution of Maine, do hereby determine against a classification with any other town or plantation, and we do hereby instruct the town clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the speaker of the House of Representatives, praying that the legislature may authorize the town of Harpswell to elect a representative for such portion of time and such periods as shall be equal to its portion of representation.”

The prayer was not granted, however, and Harpswell still continues to be a classed town.

At the annual meeting this year, the town voted that the selectmen “be authorized to purchase a town farm the present year and to hire money for the purpose.” This vote, however, was never carried into effect.

[1873.] At a meeting held in October, 1873, the town voted to exempt from taxation for six years the property located and the capital invested in Harpswell, of S. F. Perley and twenty-five others, who were associated for the manufacture of superphosphates, bone, plaster, fertilizers, and acids.

The important doings of the town not already mentioned will be found incorporated in other chapters.

## CHAPTER IV.

## MUNICIPAL HISTORY OF TOPSHAM.

THE town of Topsham first received its name, legally, in the year 1717, when a vote passed in the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, "That the other Town Plotted In a square of a Mile to y<sup>e</sup> eastward of Androscoggin River fronting to Merrimeeting Bay be allowed and accepted by the name of *Topsham* and be Plotted & Laid out the quantity of Six miles Square as the Land will allow."<sup>1</sup> This tract of land was mainly settled by English emigrants, the greater number of whom are supposed to have come from the town of Topsham, England, and to have named the place in memory of their former home. The situation of the place on the bank of a river may possibly have given it, to the minds of its founders, a fancied resemblance to its English namesake.

The settlement of the town under the Pejepscot proprietors has already been given in previous chapters. No records of any municipal doings of the inhabitants previous to the incorporation of the town have been preserved, if, indeed, there ever were such.

## UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

[1764.] The municipal history of the town commences, therefore, with its incorporation in January, 1764. The petition for an Act of Incorporation was as follows:—

*"PROVINCE OF THE MASSA BAY.*

"TO HIS EXCELLENCY FRANCIS BARNARD ESQ GOV<sup>R</sup> & COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF SAID PROVINCE, THE HON<sup>BLE</sup> HIS MAJESTYS COUNCILL AND THE HON<sup>BLE</sup> HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED, DEC. 21, 1763.

"THE PETITION OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE SETTLEMENT OF TOPSHAM IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH.

"That from the Year 1715 under the Sanction & approbation of this Honoured court the Settlement of said Place was projected at the

<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, 1717.



Desire & Expense of the Pejepscot Proprietors under whose Right the said Inhabitants originally settled & so continue to this present time: That we always have been and still are an Exposed Frontier & have greatly suffered by the Indian Enemy Nevertheless by the Divine Favour have maintained said Settlement under the Protection of this Government and there are at this time to the number of thirty five families who are desirous of being incorporated that so they may be enabled to have the Gospell settled among them having already erected a Frame for the Meeting house in said Place; also that they may be qualified to transact their Affairs among themselves necessary to their better Settlement in Town Order the said Inhabitants having laboured under many Inconveniences on these Accounts and by their Situation have been Subjected to be taxed by the Town of Brunswick on which account they have had Just Cause to think themselves no so fairly treated by them.

Therefore your Petitioners most humbly entreat this Honourd Court would be pleased to incorporate them into a Township or District that they may be entitled to the Advantages & Priviledges other Towns enjoy by virtue of the Royall Charter and that the said present Settlement may thrive & flourish under the encouragement & Protection of this Hon<sup>d</sup> Court, And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

“ ADAM HUNTER  
WILLIAM THORNE  
JAMES BEVERIDGE  
EZRA RANDALL  
WILLIAM REED JUNR  
CHARLES ROBINSON  
JOHN REED  
WILLIAM REED  
DAVID REED  
JOHN ORR

JOHN PATTEN  
SAM<sup>l</sup> WINCHELL  
SAM<sup>l</sup> STAPLES  
JOHN WINCHELL  
STEPHEN STAPLES  
JOSEPH GRAVES  
JOHNSON GRAVES  
SAMUEL GRAVES  
ARCHIBALD MOFFATT  
GOWEN FULTON

JAMES MUSTARD  
JAMES WORK  
EBEN<sup>s</sup> WORK  
JAMES HUNTER  
W<sup>m</sup> HUNTER  
JAMES FULTON  
ROBERT FULTON  
JOHN FULTON  
W<sup>m</sup> PATTEN ”<sup>1</sup>

In accordance with this petition, Topsham was duly incorporated in 1764. The following is a copy of the Act of Incorporation:—

“ANNO REGNI REGIS . GEORGII III TERTIO QUARTO, 1764.

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“TOPSHAM A TOWNSHIP.

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“AN ACT

for erecting a Town in the County of *Lincoln* by the Name of *Topsham*.

“WHEREAS the Inhabitants settled on a Tract of Land situate on the easterly Side of Androscoggin River, lying convenient for a Town, hitherto called and known by the name of Topsham, within the County of *Lincoln*, have humbly petitioned this Court, that for the Reasons therein mentioned, they may be Incorporated into a Town, and vested with the Powers and Authorities belonging to other Towns. Preamble.

Therefore for the Encouragement of said Settlement:

“BE IT ENACTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED. Bounds of  
Topsham.

“That the Said Tract of Land described as follows, *viz.* to begin upon the Southerly Line of the Town of *Bowdoinham*, where Said Line strikes the Water, and from thence to run a West Northwest Course upon said *Bowdoinham* Line, as far as it goes, and from thence on the same Streight Course to *Little River* so called, which is about eight Miles from the Water aforesaid, and from thence Southwardly down said *Little River* to *Androscoggin* River, and down said *Androscoggin* River to Merry-meeting Bay, and from thence to the Line of *Bowdoinham* aforesaid, including several small Islands or Islets lying in said *Androscoggin* River, between the Said *Little River* and the Falls at *Brunswick Fort*, be, and hereby is erected into a Town to be called *Topsham*, and the Inhabitants thereof shall have and enjoy all such Immunities and Priviledges as other Towns in this Province have and do by Law enjoy.

“AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That *Aaron Hinkley*, First meeting Esq. be and hereby is empowered to issue his Warrant how to be called. to some principal Inhabitant of the said Town of *Topsham*, requiring him in his Majesty's Name to warn and notify the said Inhabitants

qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet together at such Time and Place in Said Town as shall be appointed in said Warrant, to chuse such Officers as the Law directs and may be necessary to manage the Affairs of Said Town; and the Inhabitants being so met shall be and hereby are impowered to Chuse such Officers accordingly."<sup>1</sup>

The first town meeting was held May 9, 1764. In accordance with the Act of Incorporation, the warrant for this meeting was issued by Aaron Hinkley, of Brunswick, a justice of the peace, and was addressed to Adam Hunter. The following officers were elected at this meeting, viz.:—

Gowen Fulton, moderator; William Thorne, clerk; Adam Hunter, treasurer; John Fulton, John Read, and John Merrill, selectmen; Hugh Wilson, constable; David Reed, Paul Randall, and Samuel Wilson, surveyors of highways; James Work and Thomas Wilson, tithing-men; Ezra Randall and William Wilson, fence-viewers; Robert Gore, sealer of leather; James Beverage and William Alexander, hog constables; Stephen Staples and John Winchell, surveyors of boards, at Cathance; John Merrill and William Wilson, surveyors of boards; Samuel Staples, pound-keeper; James Mustard, field-driver; James Hendry (?), surveyor of staves, shingles, and hoop poles; Adam Hunter, sealer of weights and measures; James Hunter and Robert Gore, wardens.

At a meeting, held June 2, Thomas Wilson, Adam Hunter, John Reed, John Fulton, and John Merrill were chosen a committee to lay out the highways and roads through the town. The town at this meeting voted to raise £34 13s. 4d. as a contingent fund. There is no record to be found of any meetings of the town in 1765.

[1766.] At a meeting of the town, held May 8, 1766, Mr. William Patten was chosen to prefer a petition to the General Court "in order to get Kate Hance Point annexed to Topsham, and likewise all the islands in Brunswick River, below the falls."

[1767.] The above-mentioned petition was presented to the House of Representatives, and in 1767 the committee to which it was referred reported in favor of its dismissal, and it was dismissed.<sup>2</sup>

At a town meeting, held in July of this year, it was voted to allow men 3s. per day for work on the highways, and 2s. per day for each yoke of oxen.

[1769.] In 1769 Messrs. John Patten, William Patten, Robert

<sup>1</sup> *Topsham Town Records.*

<sup>2</sup> *Massachusetts Records, Vol. 26, 1767, p. 49.*



Fulton, and Robert Patten, inhabitants of Cathance Point in the town of Bowdoinham, presented a petition to the General Court, asking to be set off from Bowdoinham and annexed to Topsham. The petition was considered by the General Court, and an order issued that the petitioners should notify the town of Bowdoinham that they might show cause at the next session of the Court why the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted.<sup>1</sup>

At the March meeting of the town, this year, James Potter, Jr., was chosen to go to the General Court to get Cow Island, together with all the islands in the Narrows, annexed to Topsham."

[1771.] On the petition from Topsham it was ordered, in 1771, that the petitioners should notify the town of Brunswick that their petition was revived, in order that the agents of that town might be on hand at the next session of the Court.<sup>2</sup>

At the May meeting, this year, the town requested Mr. John Merrill to draw up a memorial to the General Court, asking to have the line determined between Brunswick and Topsham.

[1774.] At a meeting of the town, held November 19, 1774, it was unanimously voted that the town would stand by what the Continental and Provincial Congresses had done.

[1775.] At a town meeting, held April 30, 1775, Robert Gower and William Randall were chosen a committee to meet the committees of other towns at Pownalborough on the second of May, to represent the town of Topsham, as to the matter of provisions and ammunition, and to consider the method of furnishing the same.

The selectmen having petitioned the General Court for a supply of powder, that body passed a resolve to the effect that Topsham, being a seaport place in the eastern part of the colony, and much exposed to the attacks of the Indians, therefore it was recommended to the selectmen of Wrentham, Massachusetts, to furnish the town with one half barrel of gunpowder at the expense of the colony.<sup>3</sup>

[1776.] The town, at its March meeting this year, instructed the selectmen to petition the General Court to take off the provincial tax, "till the trade is opened." At this meeting James Potter, Junior, David Reed, James Fulton, John Merrill, and Robert Hunter were chosen a Committee of Inspection, Safety, and Correspondence.

At a meeting held June 12th, the selectmen were authorized to hire £30, lawful money, to furnish the town with a stock of powder. In

<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, Vol. 28, 1769, p. 144.

<sup>2</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, Vol. 29, 1771, p. 257.

<sup>3</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, Vol. 31, 1775, p. 212.

December, the town voted to keep this powder at Captain James Mustard's and at Captain Aetor Patten's.

[1777.] At the annual meeting of the town in March, 1777, a new Committee of Safety, etc., was chosen, consisting of Joseph Graves, David Robinson, Joseph Foster, James Purinton, and Pelatiah Haley. At another meeting, held the latter part of this same month, it was voted to petition the General Court for authority to collect the "Province Taxes" for 1776. Also, to send an agent to meet with other committees in other towns of the county, to regulate the prices of goods, etc.

[1778.] At the May meeting in 1778, the number voting against the constitution of the government, as it then was, was nineteen, and there were none in favor of it. The small number voting may possibly be due to a bad state of the weather and a consequently thin attendance, rather than to indifference. This vote was in reference to the ratification of the first Constitution of Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup>

A good deal of doubt was felt in town about this time in regard to the legality of a number of previous meetings, in consequence of there having been a neglect on the part of the constables to make a regular return on the warrants for holding these meetings. The matter was laid before the General Court in a petition. The General Court accordingly passed a resolve this year, "That none of the proceedings of said meetings or of any town meetings since March, 1776, shall be considered as invalid on account of the irregularity of the said returns, or neglect in recording the same."<sup>2</sup>

[1779.] In March, 1779, the town requested John Merrill, Esquire, to furnish a plan of the whole township. At a meeting held in July, the town voted to procure the number of shoes, stockings, and shirts which the General Court called for, for the use of the army.

[1780.] At the annual meeting in 1780, the town voted to give fifty dollars a pair for the shoes referred to above, sixty dollars a pair for the shirts, and forty dollars a pair for the stockings. The town at this meeting appropriated £1,600 for highways, and voted to pay twenty dollars per day for work on the same. £1,000 was also appropriated for current expenses.

At a meeting of the town held November 20, the selectmen were instructed to inform the General Court that the beef called for by them<sup>3</sup> could not be obtained without great difficulty.

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<sup>1</sup> Bancroft, *History of United States*, 9, p. 260.

<sup>2</sup> *Massachusetts Records* Vol. 38, 1778, p. 674.

<sup>3</sup> Each town was required to furnish its proportion of beef, etc., for the support of the Massachusetts army.

[1781.] At a special meeting, held February 6, 1781, the town voted to postpone getting the beef referred to above, "until further orders." At this meeting a committee was chosen to procure the enlistment of seven men for the army, as required by the General Court. At the April meeting, Actor Patten, Lieutenant David Reed, and John Rogers were chosen a Committee of Correspondence and Safety. At a meeting held in May, the selectmen were directed to purchase the cows "promised to the Continental soldiers." The town also, at this meeting, voted that if the General Court had released or would release this county from sending its quota of men to the Continental Army, in that case the selectmen would "settle with the soldiers for this town as they think proper." The town also voted to raise £486, hard money, or cows with calf or with calves by their side, — cows to be reckoned equivalent to eight pounds each, — or £3,000 in paper-money.

At a meeting held the July following, it was voted to petition the General Court to release the town from providing the beef called for by them.

[1782.] At a meeting held January 14, 1782, the town voted to petition the General Court in regard to the difficulty they experienced in paying their taxes, and to employ William Lithgow, Esquire, of Boston, to speak in favor of the petition. In March, John Merrill and William Wilson were chosen a committee to petition the General Court in regard to the people at Little River settlement refusing to pay their taxes. Probably the settlement at Little River was an "adjacent" of Topsham.

At a meeting of the town, held on the last day of August, Captain George White was chosen delegate to a convention to be held at Wiscasset, to consider the question of a separation of the District of Maine from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

[1783.] At the March meeting in 1783 it was voted to rate the islands below the Falls to the town of Topsham. The wolves must have been committing depredations about this time, as at this meeting a bounty of 40s. per head was offered for all that were killed. At a meeting held in May, the town voted to comply with the resolve of the town of Boston, in regard to permitting absent refugees to return. Captain David Reed, John Winchell, and Robert Alexander were chosen a Committee of Correspondence and Safety, this year.

[1784.] William Reed, Ezekiel Thompson, and John Rogers were chosen a Committee of Correspondence and Safety for 1784.

[1785.] William Randall, Actor Patten, and Joseph Berry were



the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety for the year 1785. At a meeting held in November of this year, Samuel Thompson was chosen a delegate to a convention to be held at Falmouth, to consider as to the advisability of having the eastern counties made into a new State. The town at this time voted to petition the General Court to relieve them, wholly or in part, of their taxes, then due, or about to become due, on account of "the great loss the town had sustained by the late great freshet." It was, also, at this meeting, resolved, "that the former petition sent to the General Court, with regard to the islands in the Androscoggin River being annexed to Topsham," was agreeable to the present wishes of the town.

The General Court this year, on the petition of the inhabitants of Topsham with regard to the islands before mentioned, ordered that the petitioners serve the town of Brunswick with an attested copy of their petition, and of this order, twenty days before the second Wednesday of the next session of the Court.<sup>1</sup>

On the petition for an abatement of taxes, the General Court so far granted the request as to direct the treasurer of the Commonwealth to credit the town of Topsham with the sum of £126 6s. 2d. on the second tax set on the town in the year 1780.<sup>2</sup>

[1786.] At the annual town meeting in 1786, Samuel Thompson was chosen a delegate to the convention to be held at Falmouth on the first Wednesday of the following September. The question as to whether the District of Mairé should be separated from Massachusetts was brought before the people in November, and this town voted in favor of a separation.

[1787.] At the annual meeting in 1787, the selectmen were directed to see that the town was provided with a stock of powder and ammunition, as provided by law. They were also directed to join in a petition of the people of Cathance in regard to having Cathance Neck annexed to Topsham. At this meeting a committee was chosen to take care of the fishery, agreeable to an act of the General Court in 1780, providing for its protection.<sup>3</sup> At a meeting held September 29, it was voted to petition the General Court "to consider us with regard to our deficiency in not [?] paying our taxes." At a meeting held the last day of the year, the town voted "against the constitution," and Samuel Thompson was chosen a delegate to a convention to be held at Boston.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, Vol. 46, 1785, p. 97.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 534.

<sup>3</sup> *Massachusetts Records*, Vol. 48, p. 472.

<sup>4</sup> *See* p. 132.

[1788.] On March 29, 1788, the General Court decided, on the petition of John Patten and others, of Bowdoinham, and of the town of Topsham, that Patten's Point, so called, be set off from the town of Bowdoinham, and annexed to the town of Topsham.<sup>1</sup>

At the May meeting, 1788, the selectmen were instructed to employ some person as agent to discharge the beef tax then standing against the town, and to authorize him to draw the money out of the town treasury. The town at this meeting voted that an application should be made to the General Court for an act to stop the catching of salmon by dip-nets and seines, and to prevent the building of weirs. Samuel Thompson was elected representative to the General Court, but was instructed not to attend its next session without orders from the selectmen. Another petition was also ordered to be sent to the General Court, in regard to the deficiency in taxes. At a meeting held in December the town gave its consent to the building of a boom from Mason's Rock to Ferry Point,<sup>2</sup> and fixed a scale of prices to be paid the owners of the boom, for stopping masts, bowsprits, logs, etc.

[1791.] In 1791 the representative was instructed not to attend the session of the General Court except so ordered by the authorities of the town, unless at his own expense. The town this year voted in favor of a separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts. The town also voted against the proposed plan of cutting a canal from the Carrying-Place in Brunswick to Maquoit. But one person voted in favor of this project, while there were fifty voting in the negative. The town also voted to raise this year one half of the money allowed by the General Court for the damages caused by the great freshet of 1785. The excessive depreciation of the old paper currency at this time is shown by the instructions given to the selectmen, which were to the effect that they should take the paper-money belonging to the town and sell it as best they could, but not for a less price than seven dollars, current money, for \$1,000 of the old.

[1792.] In 1792 the town voted to distribute, among the sufferers by the great freshet of 1785, one half of the money allowed by the General Court for this purpose. At the May meeting the town again voted in favor of a separation of the District from the Commonwealth. In November the town cast its vote in favor of Samuel Thompson as a Presidential elector. In the list of votes for Presidential electors,

<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Special Laws*, Vol. 1, p. 194.

<sup>2</sup> *Ferry Point*, the point of land at the Topsham end of the iron bridge. Before the toll-bridge was built, there was a ferry from this point to the landing in Brunswick below Mason's Rock, hence its name.

in the Massachusetts archives, the number of votes for him is recorded as seventy-seven.

[1793.] In 1793 Samuel Thompson was chosen a delegate to the convention, to be held at Portland in December, to consider the expediency of forming a new State.

[1794.] At the annual meeting in 1794, the town voted to purchase a stock of ammunition. At a meeting, held September 18, William King, afterwards governor, being moderator, the town voted "that those men who shall this day enlist, agreeably to the Act of Congress of the 10th of May last,<sup>1</sup> shall receive a bounty of four dollars per man, whether called for or not." The town, moreover, voted that those who should enlist should have their wages made equal, by the town, to ten dollars a month, from the time they should march to actual service until their discharge from the service, allowing them a reasonable time to return home; and that they should have one month's wages advanced on their march. Also, that one dollar of the aforesaid bounty should be paid on enlistment, and the remaining three dollars on producing a certificate of having passed muster. Colonel John Read, Jr., Captain Actor Patten, and Doctor Benjamin Jones Porter were chosen a committee to draw up the enlistment orders and to wait on the men and see that their names were enrolled. In November it was voted that a survey of the town be taken, agreeably to a resolve of the General Court. This year, for the first time, several persons were warned to leave the town, not having its consent to reside therein.

[1795.] At the meeting, this year, the selectmen were authorized to take measures to secure the lot of land called the school lot, which was said to belong to the town.

Samuel Thompson was chosen a delegate to a convention, held at Portland, for the same purpose as the previous conventions, and William King was chosen representative to the General Court.

[1797.] The question in regard to a separation of the District from the Commonwealth again came before the people in May, 1797, and the town voted forty-six in favor to one against a separation.

[1798.] This year William King was chosen delegate to a convention to be held at Hallowell, on the fourth Tuesday of the October following, to consider the expediency of dividing Lincoln County, and if judged expedient, to agree on the dividing line.

[1799.] At a meeting held May 6, 1799, the town voted to petition the General Court to have a Court of Common Pleas and General

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<sup>1</sup> *For the improvement of the militia, Williamson, 2, p. 570.*



Sessions of the Peace held in Topsham thereafter. Reverend Jonathan Ellis, Doctor Benjamin Jones Porter, and James Purington were chosen a committee to draft and present the petition.

[1801.] In 1801 Captain Robert Patten was exempted from paying taxes for that year "by reason of his house being burnt."

[1802.] At its March meeting in 1802, the town voted to hold its meetings in future in the *Court House*, and the meeting in the May following was held there.<sup>1</sup> At this same meeting it was voted not to send any representative to the General Court that year. A motion was made to reconsider this vote; but it was not carried. "After the moderator (Reverend Jonathan Ellis) had declared the meeting dissolved, some person (not one of the selectmen) called for the people to bring in their votes for a representative. One of the selectmen protested against the disorderly manner of introducing the business, and declined having anything to do in receiving the votes. Two of the selectmen, however, with the town clerk, received and counted the votes, receiving, however, a number of unqualified votes and refusing some qualified votes which were offered while the votes were being assorted. The moderator then declared that the town had chosen Jonathan Ellis their representative." The town, at a meeting held on the last day of the same month, had a statement to the above effect prepared for presentation to the legislature, containing a remonstrance against Reverend Jonathan Ellis holding a seat as their representative. He was allowed, however, to take his seat.

[1804.] In 1804 a premium of twenty-five cents per head was offered for crows.

[1806.] A Mrs. Drybury became a town charge in 1806. She was the first pauper the town ever had. She lived in a little cot near the First Parish meeting-house. Her house was sold this year by the town for a small sum.

At the meeting for choice of governor this year, considerable feeling was manifested at what was considered the unfair management of the polls, and a protest was sent to the General Court.

The protest was signed by : —

ROGER MERRILL.

GIDEON WALKER.

DAVID PATTERSON.

SAMUEL EMERY.

JONATHAN BLAISDELL.

LUTHER KIMBALL.

JAMES PURINTON, JR.

JAMES COOK.

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<sup>1</sup> The town meetings had previously been held in the old meeting-house east of the village. Sometimes, in extreme cold weather, the meetings were adjourned to Mrs. Hunter's inn.

PETER H. GREEN.  
 GIDEON LARRABEE.  
 NATHANIEL GREEN.  
 SAMUEL TOWNS.  
 NATHANIEL WALKER.

DAVID FOSTER.  
 MOSES WAYMOUTH.  
 WILLIAM FROST.  
 JOHN ROGERS.  
 JOHN HALEY, JR.

[1807.] In 1807 the town instructed its senator and representative to make application to the legislature for its consent to a separation of the District of Maine from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

[1808.] The EMBARGO which Congress had, December 22, 1807, declared, was a source of great vexation and suffering to all the New England towns, especially to those on or near the seaboard. Topsham suffered from this cause equally with Brunswick or Harpswell, and accordingly, at a meeting held August 20, 1808, the town resolved that it "unanimously approves of the doings of the town of Boston," respecting the petitioning for the repeal of the embargo laws, and the selectmen were directed to communicate this action to the selectmen of Boston. The town also voted to present to the President of the United States a memorial requesting him to suspend the embargo, in whole or in part, and Benjamin Orr, Esquire, William Wilson, and Henry Wilson were chosen a committee to draft the address. It was at once prepared and unanimously accepted by the town. The address, probably for the most part the production of Mr. Orr, was as follows:—

"TO THOS. JEFFERSON,  
*President of the United States:—*

"The inhabitants of the town of Topsham in the State of Massachusetts, legally assembled in town meeting on the twentieth day of August, 1808, respectfully represent:

"That having always been influenced by a regard for the general interests and welfare of their country, sincerely attached to its Constitution and duly impressed with the necessity of conforming to the laws of their government, they have hitherto submitted to the privations and losses occasioned by the embargo laws, without opposition or complaint, at the same time indulging an anxious hope, that when experience should ascertain the extent and degree of their sufferings, in common with their fellow-citizens, and events in Europe should render it safe and expedient, a speedy relief would be afforded them, through the existing provisions of Congress for that purpose.

"And could your memorialists entertain a belief that the further

suspension of all foreign commerce and the existing restrictions on domestics were necessary to the essential interests of their country, or consistent with the original views and policy of the government in passing the embargo laws, they would still wait the pleasure of government, without an expression of their wishes for relief.

“ But concurring in opinion with numerous other sections of citizens assembled to express their sentiments on this subject, your memorialists are impressed with a conviction that the late attempt to subjugate the people of Spain to a foreign yoke, and their consequent declaration of independence, and of war against the power attempting to impose it, have materially altered the relations of the United States to some of the powers of Europe ; and also believing that the avenues of a safe and lucrative commerce to the people of this country are by these events laid open, which the wisdom of the legislature has rendered available by placing the power to suspend the laws restricting it, in your hands :

“ They therefore pray that the embargo laws may be suspended, in whole or in part, as your wisdom may direct, agreeably to the powers vested in you by Congress for that purpose.”

A reply was received from President Jefferson to this memorial, which is entered in full on the records of the town. As it is identically the same answer that was given to similar memorials from the majority of the New England towns, and as it has often been published in documents of State and other works, it is not judged necessary to give it in this connection.

[1809.] At a meeting held February 4, 1809, the following resolutions and memorial were adopted, — the resolutions to be printed in the *Portland Gazette*, and the memorial signed by the selectmen and clerk, to be sent to the representative, to be by him presented to the General Court : —

“ *Resolved*, That it becomes us not to despair of the safety of our Republic, while we enjoy the constitutional right and liberty of assembling peaceably to consult upon the common good and to petition the legislature to devise and promote the redress of the wrongs and grievances we suffer.

“ That as it is our privilege ‘ in prosperity to rejoice,’ it is our duty ‘ in adversity to consider,’ to investigate, to ascertain the causes of the calamities we experience and the most effectual means to remove them.

“ That we are convinced the people in many instances have not been sufficiently cautious in the exercise of their electoral rights, but



have permitted themselves to be deceived by crafty and unprincipled men and have frequently conferred their suffrages on seekers of popular favor, without making the important inquiries, 'Are they capable?' 'Are they honest?' 'Are they attached to the Constitution?'

"Hence it has happened that many, destitute of requisite talents and integrity, have been promoted to offices of the highest trust and importance; and that we now feel the extensive mischief naturally arising from this want of caution and inquiry in the people; for power obtained by fraud will always resort to violence for support.

"That the principles and public conduct of our rulers are the fair objects of a manly and public-spirited scrutiny, for the purposes of merited censure or approbation, their continuance or removal from office, in the prescribed forms.

"That, when we take into view the great prosperity generally diffused through our once happy land, under the arduous administration of the revered Washington and his immediate successor, we are compelled to believe, that the numerous and heavy evils since fallen and daily accumulating upon us have been principally occasioned by the departure of our rulers from that wise, firm, liberal, and impartial policy which regulated the conduct of those distinguished patriots.

"That, with sorrow, we must confess that the present executive of the United States has appeared to us, in the course of his administration, more like the dependant and humble friend of a foreign despot than the brave and generous chief of a great spirited and free people, — more devoted to the nefarious schemes of the republic-destroying, King-making Napoleon, than to the security, peace, and happiness of his own country, or to the rights and privileges of those nations, who, having made a noble stand, are now contending from the pure spirit of patriotism against that rapacious tyrant of boundless ambition.

"That the people have a right to require of their lawgivers and magistrates, who are at all times accountable to them, an exact and constant observance of constitutional principles in the formation and execution of the laws.

"That our national legislature, apparently from the impulse of executive influence, have enacted a system of embargo laws, in our decided opinion, unconstitutional in principle and ruinous in operation, that must subject us abroad to contempt, at home to want and wretchedness.

"That we consider the act entitled 'An Act to enforce the several Embargo Laws of the United States,' a most flagrant violation of many articles in our federal and State Constitution and the measures pre-

scribed to carry it into effect to be utterly subversive of our dearest rights and privileges ; that it is a law which the people are not bound to obey and which we believe, from their strong attachment to the liberties of their country, they will not obey.

“ That we most cordially approve the patriotic conduct of those officers of the revenue department who, disdaining to be the instruments of arbitrary power, and having a more tender concern for the rights of their fellow-citizen than for the emoluments of office, have lately retired to the post of honor, — a private station. That we sincerely hope these patriotic examples will excite a general emulation, and should deeply lament that any from a penurious, calculating spirit, from a mere regard to private property, should submit to or aid the execution of laws destructive of our civil liberties.”

#### “ MEMORIAL.

“ TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED.

“ The inhabitants of the town of Topsham in legal town meeting assembled on the fourth day of February, A. D. 1809, respectfully represent,

“ That in the late recess of Congress, they petitioned the President of the United States to relieve them from the sufferings occasioned by the embargo, and, finding no hope of relief, they have made a similar application to Congress, by whom their petition has also been neglected.

“ To your honorable body, therefore, your memorialists are induced to resort for relief, not only from the evils and sufferings of which they had reason to complain to the President and to Congress, but also from others of more serious moment emanating from those high authorities.

“ At the time of the passing of the first embargo law, the respect due to the constituted authorities induced your memorialists to hope that it would not be continued in force beyond the ability of the people to endure it ; but in the Act recently passed, not only to enforce that law and its supplementary appendages, but to extort additional sacrifices the most exorbitant, they recognize a policy equally ruinous and oppressive.

“ Had this law been wholly original it would have been less dreadful in its aspects ; but in the French decree of April, 1808, it has both an example and guarantee, by which all vessels of citizens of the United States found at sea after that time are declared forfeited to France for breach of the embargo.

“When such is the concurrence of laws, your memorialists can entertain no hope of relief or of safety from the constituted guardians of their national rights and privileges.

“To enumerate the losses, privations, and sufferings resulting from the embargo system would be but a recapitulation of circumstances familiar to every mind.

“The protection they afford to seamen brings with it want and misery; the benefits they confer on merchants are waste and bankruptcy, and to the hand of charity they consign the necessitous laborer and his dependants. As to their effects abroad, none are perceptible to your memorialists, except the approbation of the nation to whom alone they are beneficial and the disregard of that which they were manifestly intended to restrain and humble.

“The act to enforce the embargo, in its relation to the Constitution, cannot escape the notice of your honorable body. By this act the property of your memorialists, as well as their fellow-citizens, is rendered liable to seizure by military force, without evidence, without process or trial, and on the suspicion alone of an accuser, and neither their possessions nor buildings remain a secure depository against the combination of jealousy and force to assail them; these, with the exaction of exorbitant bonds for acts in themselves lawful at the time of doing them, appear to your memorialists calculated to deprive them of their most essential constitutional rights.

“In recurring to the transactions of the last session of your honorable body, your memorialists derive the highest satisfaction from the consideration that the opposing voice of a free people was distinctly expressed to an administration that had been offering up an essential part of their national rights a sacrifice to the boundless ambition of a foreign despot, rights that were obtained by the toils of the illustrious Washington and his companions and fellow-sufferers, and secured by a Constitution that will never be abandoned by free men, to the merciless hands that opposed it in its origin and still seek to destroy it. In the wisdom and firmness of your honorable body to restore to your memorialists and their fellow-citizens of the State the full enjoyment of those rights by rescuing them from the destructive grasp of the tyrant of Europe and his minions, they repose the most implicit confidence, and they pledge themselves by all the lawful means in their power to support the measures that your honors may adopt for the general safety and relief, against the various acts of violence and oppression with which they have been assailed by foreign and domestic usurpers. They therefore pray your honors to take the subject of



their grievances into consideration and adopt such measures of redress as you, in your wisdom, shall deem proper and expedient."

[1810.] In the year 1810 a committee was chosen to superintend the inoculation with the kine-pox of all such persons as had not had the small-pox, and one hundred dollars was appropriated for the vaccination of those unable to bear the expense themselves.

[1811.] In 1811 a committee was chosen to discover what method should be taken to keep the highways from being encumbered with mill logs, timber, etc., especially on the island, and in the village near Granny's Hole. This committee reported at a subsequent meeting to the effect that increased diligence should be required on the part of surveyors, etc. The committee on vaccination reported that Doctor Isaac Lincoln had vaccinated four hundred and three persons, of which number three hundred and ninety-one cases had been successful and twelve were doubtful. The committee complimented Doctor Lincoln for the zeal and attention which he had shown in the matter.

[1812.] In 1812 Benjamin Hasey, Esquire, and Thomas G. Sandford were chosen delegates to a county convention, to be held at Wiscasset on August the third, "to take into consideration the alarming state of public affairs, to ascertain and express by memorial, or otherwise, the voice of the people relative to the war in which we are now involved, and to devise and recommend the most speedy means of relief from its awful calamities." On August the first, the following resolutions were adopted as the sentiments of the people of Topsham, and a copy of them was sent to the *Portland Gazette* for publication:—

"*Resolved*, That 'in the present season of calamity and war' it behooves the people to exercise their essential and unalienable right of consulting and seeking their safety and happiness; that, at all times, it is their duty to approve and support, with zeal and alacrity, laws for the vindication of their rights and the advancement of their welfare, and their right and privilege to expose and control, by the powers of reason and argument, all public measures endangering their security, their prosperity and peace.

"*Resolved*, That we cannot cease to cherish our fond attachment to the union of the States and the federal Constitution, endeared to us by the upright, wise, and liberal administration of Washington; that we cannot cease to hope that the innumerable evils already inflicted by the partial, degrading, and destructive 'exercise of restrictive energies,' commenced by the last administration and consummated

by the present, will awaken in ourselves and our fellow-citizens a lively sense of our common dangers, and unite us, as the surest means of relief, in a firm resolution to intrust with power those only who are true to the example and faithful to the precepts of the departed Father of our Country.

“ *Resolved*, ‘ That we cannot insult the free and gallant citizens of America with the suspicion that they are less able to defend their rights, than the debased subjects of arbitrary power to rescue theirs from the hands of their oppressors ; that we will not insult them with the supposition that they can ever reduce themselves to the necessity of making the experiment “ to regain their lost liberties ” by a blind and tame submission to a long train of insidious measures which must precede and produce it.’ <sup>1</sup>

“ *Resolved*, ‘ That a state of war does not destroy or diminish the rights of citizens to examine the conduct of public men and the tendency of public measures ’ ; <sup>2</sup> that all attempts to impair the liberty of opinion and inquiry, the freedom of speech and of the press, are infringements upon our most invaluable constitutional rights and privileges, meriting the pointed disapprobation of all except Napoleon and his humble worshippers.

“ *Resolved*, That we deeply lament the numerous facts which loudly proclaim that, in too many instances, the spirit of faction has misguided the deliberations of our State and national legislature. That by faction we understand a number of citizens, whether amounting to a majority or minority of the whole, who are united and actuated by some common impulse of passion or interest adverse to the rights of other citizens, or to the permanent and aggregate interests of the whole.

“ *Resolved*, That to a factious spirit only can we attribute the *contrivance* of our senatorial districts by which nearly three fourths of the present Senate have been elected by a minority of votes of the whole State. That to intemperate party zeal in the Senate so chosen we must ascribe their obstinate refusal to adopt any one of the various propositions made to them by the House of Representatives, at their last session, for dividing the Commonwealth into electoral districts, and especially their refusing to concur in the resolve providing for the choice of electors by the people at large. That we consider these proceedings as disgraceful to the Commonwealth as grievances of the most alarming magnitude, demanding redress without delay ; that we have full confidence that our representative in the General Court will

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<sup>1</sup> *Madison.*

<sup>2</sup> *De Witt Clinton.*

not be wanting in his endeavors to correct procedures so reproachful and oppressive.

“*Resolved*, That to a spirit adverse to the rights of the maritime States we must impute the long neglect and repeated refusals of our Congressional legislature to provide a navy in some degree competent to protect our commerce and guard our extensive and almost defenceless coasts; that our surprise at this neglect is greatly aggravated when we call to mind the solemn truths long since announced by the present chief magistrate of the Union, truths the more important and interesting now we are placed in ‘an attitude’ if not in ‘an armor’ of war. ‘Naval batteries, the most capable of repelling foreign enterprises upon our safety, are happily such as can never be turned by a *perfidious* government against our liberties. The inhabitants of the Atlantic frontier are all of them deeply interested in this provision for naval protection; and if they have hitherto been suffered to sleep quietly in their beds; if their property has remained safe against the predatory spirit of licentious adventurers; if their maritime towns have not been compelled to ransom themselves from the terrors of a conflagration by yielding to the exaction of daring and sudden invaders, these instances of good fortune are not to be attributed to the *protection* of the existing government that claims *their allegiance*, but to causes that are fugitive and fallacious.’<sup>1</sup>

“*Resolved*, That the closest examination we have been able to make of the long train of our foreign negotiations compels us to believe that the unnecessary and ruinous war, into which we are now plunged, is to be attributed more to the impulse of faction, combined with the intriguing, flattering, menacing, confiscating, plundering, and burning policy of the modern Attila, operating upon our own government with magic influence, than to the ‘injustice of a foreign power,’ declared to be our enemy.

“That a war so forced upon us we can neither approve nor voluntarily support; that we cannot consent to forego the abundant and honorable returns of legitimate commerce for the scanty and disgraceful plunder of legalized piracy; we cannot freely exchange the cheering scenes of domestic peace for the chilling horrors of the ‘bloody arena.’ Indeed we are unwilling wantonly to put to hazard the noblest gifts of God to man, — our liberty and independence, — to assist even our *loving* friend Napoleon in his aim to destroy the remnant of liberty in Europe, that he may the more easily bring within his iron grasp the

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<sup>1</sup> *Madison*.



‘ships, colonies, and commerce of the world.’ In short, this war we must reprobate and abhor chiefly because it tends to draw us into a close connection, into a fatal alliance with this tyrant of nations, the enemy of the human race, whose tender mercies are cruel, whose friendship is slavery and death.

“*Resolved*, That, undismayed at the gloomy and threatening aspect of our public affairs, we will not despair of the safety of our confederated Republic, trusting that the discerning, enlightened, and resolute spirit of a free people, not to be shaken by the ruffian assaults of faction, not to be seduced by the insidious arts of tyranny, will speedily arise in vindication of their honor and in defence of their rights, and make manifest to the world that their *confidence* cannot be *betrayed* nor their *interests sacrificed* with *impunity*.”

[1814.] In 1814 it was voted to accept the offer of the Court House, for the purpose of holding town meetings, on the terms named by the Court of Sessions.

[1816.] At a meeting held May 20, 1816, the town voted strongly against a separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts, and the representative from Topsham was instructed to use all means in his power to prevent such separation.

At a meeting held September 16, Benjamin Hasey was elected delegate to the convention to be held the latter part of the month in Brunswick.

At a meeting held November 4, the memorial strongly opposing separation, which was adopted by the convention at Brunswick on the last Monday in September, relative to the separation of the District of Maine from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was read, and it was then voted that the same should be signed by the selectmen and town clerk, and by them be presented in behalf of the inhabitants of the town of Topsham to the honorable General Court.

[1818.] At the annual meeting in 1818, Messrs. Abel Merrill, Thomas G. Sandford, and Captain Nathaniel Walker were chosen a committee to adopt measures for the maintenance of paupers. They reported at the May meeting in favor of the town poor being collected together and provided for by some one individual.

[1819.] At a meeting held July 6th, 1819, the town again, and for the last time, voted in favor of a separation of the District from the Commonwealth. This was the fourth time that the town had voted in favor of a separation, never having voted against it but once. September 20th, Mr. Nathaniel Greene was elected delegate to the convention to be held at Portland in October, for the purpose of

framing a constitution for the new State. On December 6th, the town voted unanimously in favor of the Constitution framed at that convention.

#### UNDER STATE OF MAINE.

[1820.] The annual town meeting this year was held April 3d. This was the first meeting of the town after the admission to the Union of the State of Maine. At this meeting Mr. Pelatiah Haley declined any longer service as a selectman, and the thanks of the town were tendered him "for the ability and punctuality displayed in his service in that capacity for many years past."

At a meeting held in May following, the representative to the legislature was instructed to advocate a petition in favor of a new county.

[1821.] In 1821 the selectmen were instructed to provide a hearse for the use of the town.

[1822.] The vote for county officers was this year thrown out by the Court, on account of unlawful proceedings at the town meeting.

[1824.] In 1824 the selectmen were instructed to pay each soldier belonging to Topsham, who was entitled to receive rations, agreeably to a late law, twenty cents in cash. This was to enable the soldiers to buy their dinner on muster days. They were also instructed to employ a physician to vaccinate the town. The town this year voted to purchase the farm occupied by Aaron Thompson, "for the use of the town," paying for the same three hundred dollars in three annual payments. Probably the vote never went into effect.

The following by-laws were adopted by the town and approved by the Court of General Sessions this year:—

"1. Sliding down hill in winter on sleds or boards, in any of the public streets, prohibited under a penalty of twenty-five cents for each offence.

"2. Playing with, or knocking, a ball in the streets, within three fourths of a mile from the toll-bridge, prohibited, under a fine of twenty-five cents.

"3. Smoking a pipe or cigar on the streets prohibited under a fine of twenty-five cents for each offence.

"Carrying fire through the streets strictly prohibited, under a penalty of one dollar, unless it was properly secured in some metallic case or pan."

[1825.] At a meeting of the town, held in September, 1825, it voted to accept the land on Great Island, purchased by the selectmen for

the use and benefit of the town, at the price of one hundred and twenty-five dollars. This land was for the erection of a building in which to confine an insane person.

At a meeting held in December following, the representative to the legislature was instructed "to oppose the petition of George Jewett and one other," unless the whole expense occasioned by its being granted should be imposed upon the county. It is probable that this petition was for a bridge across the Cathance River, at the eastern part of the town. Persons now living recollect that there was, about this time, considerable discussion in regard to this bridge, and no one has any knowledge of any other purpose for which a petition was likely to be presented at this time.

[1829.] This year the selectmen were instructed to petition the legislature for a new county.

[1832.] In 1832 the representative to the legislature was instructed to confer with the representatives of other towns on the subject of a modification of the militia law, so as to dispense with all trainings except the annual inspection in September, and such other meetings of companies as might be deemed necessary for the proper organization of the militia, and to request their co-operation.

[1833.] The selectmen were again instructed by the town, in 1833, to petition the legislature for a new county. They were also authorized to defend the town against any suit brought by the Maine Stage Company to recover damages for the upsetting of one of their carriages near James Purinton's tannery, in Topsham, on the evening of the 12th of January, 1833, or were authorized to settle the matter with the company, if judged expedient.

[1837.] The town, at its annual meeting in 1837, voted to receive its proportion of the surplus revenue deposited with the State of Maine by the United States government, and to deposit this money in Androscoggin Bank, provided the bank would allow interest at five per cent per annum, the interest to be paid annually to the town treasurer. Mr. John Coburn was appointed an agent to receive and receipt for the money in the name of the town. The September meeting was held in the Freewill Baptist vestry, near the brick school-house. At this meeting the selectmen and treasurer were appointed a committee to consider the subject of building a town-house.

The town also voted that the surplus revenue money should be put at interest and the interest divided among the school districts. This vote was, however, reconsidered the next year [1838], and the town voted to divide it *per capita* amongst the inhabitants, and Gardner



Green was chosen agent to collect and distribute it. The money having already been loaned to individuals, the agent was authorized to borrow the same amount and distribute it *per capita*, as directed for the surplus revenue money. Messrs. Charles Thompson, Joshua Haskell, and William Frost protested against this action of the town as illegal, and gave notice that they would severally hold all persons, and particularly the agent, responsible, who should be instrumental in carrying the vote into effect.

[1841.] In 1841 the town voted in favor of the proposed constitutional amendments, in regard to the election of State officers, but voted against any increase of the number of representatives.

[1842.] In the year 1842 the town was classed, for election of representative, with the town of Bowdoin. Previous to this date it had elected its own representative.

[1843.] At a meeting, held February 6, in accordance with an Act of the legislature to see if the town would consent to the annexation of a part of Bowdoin, agreeably to a petition of sixty-three of the inhabitants of Bowdoin, the town chose Abel Merrill and Nathaniel Walker a committee to remonstrate against and oppose the proposed annexation. At the annual meeting in April, the selectmen were authorized to appoint one or more persons to sell ardent spirits for medicinal and mechanical purposes, and were instructed to prosecute all who were guilty of a violation of the law in regard to such sales. At a meeting held in September following, the selectmen were instructed to petition the legislature for a separate representation of the town.

[1846.] The following by-law was adopted by the town in 1846: "Any person sliding in the streets or highway in the town of Topsham, within three fourths of a mile from the Androscoggin toll-bridge, upon a sled, board, or any other vehicle or thing; or who shall skate in said streets or highways, as aforesaid; or shall knock, throw, or play at ball, in said streets or highways, as aforesaid; or be accessory thereto; shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five dollars for each and every offence so committed, together with costs, to be recovered on a complaint before a justice of the peace.

[1847.] In 1847 the town voted in favor of amendments to the Constitution providing that State officers should be elected by a plurality instead of a majority vote, and also in regard to the State loaning its credit.

[1850.] At a meeting held September 9, the town voted against an amendment to the Constitution providing for a change of the meeting of the legislature from May to January.

[1853.] At a special town meeting, held February 28, 1853, the representative was instructed to use his greatest exertions to prevent any change in the territory of the county of Lincoln, and the senator from the district was requested to co-operate with him. At the annual meeting the article in the warrant, to see if the town would choose an agent to sell liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes, was dismissed. This was, of course, a total prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors for any purpose.

[1854.] In October, 1854, the town was called upon to express by vote its preference of a town to be the shire town of the new county of Sagadahoc, which was incorporated on the fourth day of April previous. The vote stood :

In favor of Topsham for shire town, one hundred and fifty-one. Of Bath, five.

[1855.] The town voted, in 1855, almost unanimously, against amendments to the Constitution of the State which provided that judges of probate, registers of probate, sheriffs, and municipal and police judges should be chosen by the people ; and also providing that the land agent, attorney general, and adjutant general should be chosen by the legislature. The representative was chosen this year from the town of Lisbon, Topsham and Lisbon being classed together.

[1858.] In June, 1858, the town voted unanimously in favor of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

[1859.] At the annual meeting in 1859, the selectmen were authorized to hire out to suitable persons such town paupers as might be able to perform labor, and also to bind out the children of such persons to suitable individuals, who should be required to give bonds for the faithful discharge of their trust. They were also authorized to provide a suitable building or buildings, in which to take care of the aged and of all others unable to do anything for their own support, and to employ some judicious person to take care of them under the general supervision of the overseers of the poor.

At a meeting held in June the town voted to exempt from taxation for ten years all capital which might be invested in manufactures in the town. The town also voted, at this meeting, against "an Act to aid the Aroostook Railroad Company, increase the value and promote the sale and settlement of the public lands."

[1860.] The town concluded in 1860 to make a different provision for its poor, and accordingly, at the annual meeting, it was voted that the selectmen and overseers of the poor be authorized to purchase a farm and to stock the same by hiring or purchasing stock, as

they deemed most expedient. The town's poor were to be kept upon the farm and a superintendent was to be chosen who should be under the direction and control of the overseers. The selectmen were also authorized to hire money for the purchase of the farm, and to give notes payable in ten years in equal annual instalments.

The sum of \$2,200 was raised this year for the support of the poor, and \$1,250 for schools.

[1861.] At the annual meeting in 1861, the town expressed its choice of the candidates for the office of POSTMASTER, and Robert P. Whitney received a majority of the votes. This was an unusual, but at the same time eminently fitting way of securing the appointment of an efficient and honest officer. This year, Topsham and West Bath were classed together for representation.

[1863.] The town-house being in need of repairs, it was voted this year that the selectmen should ascertain what terms could be made with the Sagadahoc Agricultural Society, for the use of their hall for future town meetings. The next year, 1864, the town obtained the privilege of using the Agricultural Hall and authorized the sale of the town-house.

[1865.] This year the town voted to dispense with a liquor agency.

[1867.] At the September election in 1867, the town voted in favor of authorizing the county commissioners to effect a loan of \$25,000 to complete the county court house at Bath.

[1868.] In 1868 an appropriation of six hundred dollars was voted for the purchase of a new hearse.

The municipal acts of this town, in reference to the enlistment of volunteers and the support of their families, as well as to all other matters not already given, will be found in their appropriate connection in other chapters.



## CHAPTER V.

## GENERAL AND SOCIAL.

At the time of the earliest occupation of these towns, the settlers lived far apart, and days, perhaps even weeks, must often have elapsed without a family seeing any of its neighbors. They had few, if any, roads, except the Indian trails, and almost invariably, therefore, settled upon or near some stream which might serve to them as a highway. This accounts for the fact that the houses of the early settlers fronted the water.

## EARLY CONDITION AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

The early settlers of Topsham were nearly all English and partook of the national characteristics. Those in the vicinity of the New Meadows River were principally from Cape Cod. Those between New Meadows and Maquoit, who constituted a majority of the inhabitants of Brunswick, were Irish. They were usually called "wild Irish" by the native New-Englanders.<sup>1</sup> It is said of these early settlers that "they used to peek out through a crack or partly opened door, to see whether their callers were friends or foes, and that the same habit of peeking out through a half-open door to see whom their callers may be, is noticed to this day in their descendants." These settlers were nearly all poor, and often suffered for the necessities of life. They had to work hard for their living, and dress in the plainest manner. Those, however, who came into this vicinity later, somewhere about 1750, were in better circumstances, and the appearance of their rich and fashionable apparel, especially the hoop in the dresses of the ladies, whenever they went to church or showed themselves abroad, drew forth the gaze and wonder of the earlier and more rustic settlers.<sup>2</sup>

The later settlers, and a few of the earlier ones, were sufficiently well off to be able to own slaves. The act of holding fellow-creatures, white or black, in involuntary bondage, was not, at that time, consid-

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

ered to be wrong. Andrew Dunning, who came to Brunswick in 1717 and who died in 1735, kept slaves during his life, and his family continued to own them for some time after his decease. Captain Benjamin Stone, who kept a tavern in Fort George in 1767, and subsequently, had a slave named Sarah Mingo as his house-servant. After she obtained her freedom she kept house for Timothy Weymouth, near where the Congregational Church now stands. Judge Minot also owned slaves. Brigadier Thompson had a negro servant named Hall-up. It is uncertain, however, that she was a slave. As late as 1765 there are said to have been four slaves in Brunswick and no less than fourteen in Harpswell. Captain Nehemiah Curtis owned two or three, one of whom was a female.

#### MANNERS AND CUSTOMS.

Nothing is known concerning the social relations of the very early settlers. During the period embraced by the Indian wars, the character of the people differed materially from what it afterwards was. Instead of gayety and dissipation, a melancholy spirit prevailed. Almost the only topic of conversation with the people was in regard to their troubles with the Indians and the individual difficulties of their situation. Their chief relaxation consisted in singing psalms and doggerel rhymes. The only news that reached them was of cruel murders, by the savages, of their friends and acquaintance, or else of the wonderful escapes and marvellous exploits of the latter. Some of these accounts of personal adventure with the Indians have come down to us and will be noticed. Even when there was no open war with the Indians, the latter would mingle with the inhabitants and were apt to take offence, and revenge themselves by committing indiscriminate depredations. It cannot be denied that oftentimes the settlers were to blame, and that there were many among them who had the same deadly hostility against the savage that they had against a venomous reptile. The only time they could attend to their business without fear of molestation was in the winter, when the Indians usually retired to the interior. At these times they employed themselves in getting lumber to the landings, ready to be sent to Boston and other markets as soon as the spring opened. In summer they cultivated their fields, but always with their guns within easy reach.

In times of peace the Indians were in the habit of trading with the settlers. It is narrated that on one occasion one of the Indians, feeling in a merry mood and ready for sport, challenged old Lieutenant Woodside to run a race with him, and laid down upon the door-stone

of the fort six beaver-skins as a wager. The Indian evidently expected, from Mr. Woodside's corpulency, that he would decline the challenge. The Lieutenant, however, contrary to the Indian's expectation, accepted it. The race was to commence at the brook under the hill, and the one who could get the skins first was to have them. At the commencement of the race the old man feigned himself rather more clumsy than he really was. The Indian found he could keep up with him at his leisure, and was quite amused at the clumsy running of so fat a man, and continued indulging in violent fits of laughing until at last the old gentleman began to wax warmer, to become more earnest, and to extend his steps. He thus obtained the advance and took the beavers, while the Indian was exhausted with laughing and running. This Mr. Woodside was a remarkably stout, athletic man, who could face danger, endure fatigue, and accomplish much.<sup>1</sup>

During this period old Mr. Joseph Foster, of Topsham, had a large dog that he had trained to attack an Indian whenever he met one. One day, during the French and Indian War, the women and children were sent for safety to the block-house, near where the late Lithgow Hunter afterwards lived. One afternoon while they were there, some of the children wanted to go to the river-side berrying. As no Indians were known to be about at that time, permission was given them to go, but the dog was sent with them for safety. While the children, laughing and chatting, were picking berries, the big dog suddenly became excited, and getting between a pile of brush and the children, bristled up and began to growl and display his teeth as if there were mischief lurking in the brush-heap. Mrs. Foster was nearest to the brush-pile, and having her attention called to it by the unwonted fierceness of the dog, saw an Indian there. She screamed, and the alarm being given all the children ran up the hill toward the block-house, the dog protecting the rear all the way. Several years after the war this same Indian was in the vicinity, and referred to the incident by saying that had it not been for the big dog he would have "made a great haul of pappoose."<sup>2</sup>

The late David Alexander's father was remarkable when a youth for his agility and uncommon strength. In muscular vigor he far exceeded any of the lads in town who were anywhere near his own age. One day he and another boy by the name of Thorn were on the hill near the river and opposite where Mr. David Work now (1875) lives. Suddenly a couple of stout Indians pounced upon them,

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Dr. James McKeen's Notes.*



each Indian singling out one of the boys. Their object was to run the lads off into the woods, where they would be comparatively safe from pursuit. The stout resistance, however, made by young Alexander, although a mere boy, made the Indian feel as if he had more than his hands full. At every step he encountered a resolute resistance, and although a powerful Indian he was making slow progress. The boys' outcries at length attracted the attention of the settlers up and down the river, and his father being first to comprehend the true state of things outstripped all others in going to the relief of his son, guided partly by the voice of the lad and partly by the zigzag trail of the furrowed earth which was a conspicuous mark and was made by the boy's stubborn obstinacy and resistance. The father at length came in full sight of his son and was hastening to his rescue when the Indian, letting go the lad, fired, killing Mr. Alexander, who fell instantly dead. The son, the moment he saw his father fall, ran, and the Indian, fearing pursuit, desisted from attempting his recapture. The inhabitants of the neighborhood having provided themselves with guns, and guided by the Alexander boy, started off in pursuit. They found Mr. Alexander dead. Pursuing farther they came to the apparently lifeless body of the lad Thorn. His comparatively feeble resistance had enabled the Indian to carry him off to a greater distance, but hearing the gun and apprised by the Indian who had just shot Mr. Alexander that they were in danger of being captured themselves, they knocked the boy in the head and scalped him. The boy was found still alive and eventually recovered. It is said that he afterwards died at Farmington from a curious accident. Coming in one day to dinner and the meal not being ready, he sat down in a chair near the wooden ceiling (there were no lathed and plastered rooms then) and tipping his chair back leaned against the partition just under where a hog's head (what was called a 'minister's face') was suspended by a nail in the ceiling. The jar broke the string, and the hog's head fell, the nose, it is said, hitting the unfortunate man on the very spot where he had been scalped in his boyhood. The concussion caused his instant death.<sup>1</sup>

"Not far from this time (time of Moffitt's death, — 1747) four men were killed, all at one time, a few rods from the old Flagg house, just beyond Joseph Foster's. One of these was a friendly Indian, the other three were white settlers. They were going to look at a field of corn to see if it had been molested. The bodies were all found near together.

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<sup>1</sup> *Dr. James McKeen's Notes.*

Upon the day of the funeral of these men it was reported that the Indians intended lying in wait for the funeral procession, and killing and scalping or making prisoners of them all. In consequence, the bodies were not buried in the ground northwest of Joseph Foster's, in the old graveyard in the woods, but were carried up by water to Ferry Point, and buried there. The bodies were none of them mutilated, except that of the friendly Indian, which was hacked all to pieces."<sup>1</sup>

During this period of anxious care and oft-renewed strife, the tradesmen and their families used to live a good portion of the time in the fort or garrisons. Invalids, especially, often made their residence there.

The early settlers were men accustomed to track the pathless forests and often to spend their nights with nothing over them save the glittering canopy of the heavens. They were fond of hunting, and often ranged over large tracts of land in pursuit of game. In this way they became acquainted with localities quite a distance off. Mr. Thomas Wilson was a famous hunter. On one occasion he led a party, consisting of Stephen Titcomb, Robert Gower, James Henry, Robert Alexander, and James McDonnell, all of Topsham, through the wilderness to the place now called Farmington, the territory of which they thoroughly explored. Some of them afterwards settled there.<sup>2</sup> John Dunlap, son of Reverend Robert Dunlap, was a noted hunter. The following narrative, written by him, illustrates the dangers and sufferings to which these early settlers were exposed:—

“When a young man at the age of 18 years my father lost his only cow. He lived near the old meeting-house, and I found her dead in Mair Brook. So dependent was the family on this useful domestic that the loss seemed almost irreparable. So great was the distress of the family that I resolved with myself, that if industry and perseverance would effect anything, I would never be poor. This resolution remained by me and was continually urging me on to exertion. I left my father and served some time as a soldier in Fort George, but I soon found that this compensation but ill comported with my resolution,—but little was left after contributing to the absolute necessities of my father's family. I immediately concluded upon some other business. This town was then in its infancy, and nothing that could satisfy my ambition and desire of wealth presented itself, and I concluded to try my chance in hunting in the wild wilderness. I accordingly took my gun and made several excursions in pursuit of beaver.

<sup>1</sup> *Dr. McKeen's Notes.*

<sup>2</sup> *History of Farmington, p. 9.*

I was successful, and found that if the business was well followed that there would be a good prospect of making money. I accordingly extended my range further into the wilderness, and the further I went the more was I encouraged. It was a very hazardous undertaking. I was exposed every night to the wolves which were continually prowling around me, and nothing but my fire, which they feared, deterred them from encountering me. While I kept a brisk fire I feared no harm. I have been several times to the heads of the Kennebeck and Penobscot. I used to go in the month of March, sometimes the last of February, and would be gone about forty days. My return home was always the most fatiguing, from carrying an immense pack of about two hundred pounds. The beaver-skins I took in one of these excursions usually turned me about two hundred dollars. Sometimes when I returned home, I was so altered that the family did not know me. I once lost my hat immediately after I left home, and the effect of the wind and weather, and having a long beard, not having shaved while gone, gave me really a frightful appearance.

“The most eventful tour I ever took was with one Robert Spear. We left this town together, determined on a cruise to the Penobscot, and to its rise. It was in the month of March, and the ground was covered with deep snow. We took with us each a gun, ammunition, four ounces of salt, and of bread what was equal to a dozen biscuit, and each a pair of snow-shoes. We commenced travel, and made the best of our way to the Kennebeck and Penobscot. We passed some rivers and many small streams which were frozen over. On our arrival at the Penobscot, we divided. Mr. Spear took the north side of the river, and I took the south. We were to proceed up the river to its source, and there wait seven days for each other. I traversed the woods, and frequently met with small streams which had been flowed by the beaver, and generally met with good success. After ten or fifteen days I arrived at the source of the river, and there I spent seven long anxious days, listening continually to hear the footsteps of my companion. My nights were long and dreary in the extreme. The day I spent in wandering about, killing what I could find that was profitable. At the expiration of the seven long days, seeing nothing of Spear, I resolved to return home, and had travelled one or two days, when the thought occurred to me about what account I should give Mr. Spear’s family on my return. As I was a single man, I concluded to return, and if possible, find him. I travelled along down on the north side of the river, looking for some vestiges of human beings. What had become of Spear I could not imagine.



Whether he had fallen into the hands of the Indians, or had been devoured by wild beasts, I had no means of ascertaining. My mind was the whole time vacillating between hope and fear. After I had been travelling a number of days, and had been looking and listening, a pole stuck up in the middle of the river in the snow arrested my attention. I at once concluded it must be placed there by some human being, and thought I would go and see if there were any tracks. I repaired immediately to it, and on it found a piece of birch bark with writing upon it, to inform me that Spear was sick close by on the bank of the river. It is impossible to describe my feelings, — how long it had been there, whether he was dead or alive, — a thousand conjectures passed over my mind. I concluded to search, and immediately fired my gun, which was in about a minute answered. I followed the direction of the report, and in a few minutes found poor Spear lying under a log with some bark laid upon it, which afforded him but a scanty shelter. He was suffering from an acute rheumatic fever. He seemed overjoyed at my appearance. What to do for him I was at a stand. For this complaint, and indeed for any, I had nothing to administer; I built a camp, built him a good fire, and stayed by him, doing everything for him I could. Necessity, the mother of invention, suggested one application after another. His pains were extreme, and his spirits almost exhausted. I at length concluded to dig away some snow, get some good turf, green as I could find it, heated by the fire, and apply it to the part of the body most affected with pain. This proved a lucky expedient, he grew better, and after a while he was able to start for Fort Halifax, where, after a tedious travel, we arrived. I left him and came home. Spear followed in about a month.”<sup>1</sup>

These early settlers were not only accustomed to the chase as a means of obtaining a livelihood, but were also obliged to draw a part of their subsistence from the water. Fishing was with them a necessity as well as a means of amusement. The catching of sturgeon, shad, and salmon was the constant occupation of many, while it served as a means of relaxation from their ordinary avocations to a few. Captain David Dunning probably belonged to this latter class. Salmon were formerly caught in dip-nets at the foot of Fishing Rock Island, or Shad Island, as it is now called, and also in set nets at Middle Rock, or the rock upon which the pier of the bridge rests. These set nets had corks attached to them, so that the attendant

could tell by the sinking of the corks when a salmon was caught. One day a man was sitting on Middle Rock watching his net, while Captain Dunning was catching salmon at the falls above with a dip-net. The man on the rock observing the corks on his net to sink in the water, drew in the net, and with it drew in Dunning, still alive. It appears that the latter, in reaching over to dip up a salmon, had slipped, and falling into the river had floated down until he caught in the net. Two other versions of this story are given. In one account he is represented as having fallen into the water from a ladder and being caught in his own net. In another, the accident is given as first narrated, but Captain Dunning is represented as drawing himself out of the water by the aid of the net.<sup>1</sup>

Going to meeting was, in the last century, an event of considerable interest. Meeting-houses were well filled and in some cases it was thought necessary to shore them up. All went to the same meeting. Ministers appeared with their large white wigs and commanded more awe than just respect. Nearly every one walked to meeting, and in some instances women would walk four or five miles and carry a child. Some of those who lived at a distance from the meeting-house owned a horse, a saddle, and a pillion, which would accommodate a man, his wife, and one child, and often two children. In the summer boys and girls both went barefooted. When within sight of the meeting-house, the girls would step into the bushes at the side of the road and put on their stockings and shoes, which they carried with them. The boys, however, usually went barefooted into the meeting-house. All the people carried their dinners with them, and in summer ate them in the woods near by. In the winter the meeting-house was their dining-room. The men usually resorted to the neighboring inn for their luncheon and grog. In the winter season many carried foot-stoves with them. There were separate seats in the meeting-house provided for colored people, and they were never allowed to sit in the same pew with white people. It is said that Deacon Dunning had a negro lad for a servant of whom he was very fond, and whom he always took to meeting with him. As the boy at first was too young to sit in the seats provided for persons of his race, and as it would not do to allow him to sit in the deacon's pew, he had to take his seat on the floor of the aisle beside the pew.

Sermons were lengthy in those days, which often made it necessary for the parson, after a pause, to exclaim, "Wake up, my hearers!"

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<sup>1</sup> *Field Book of the survey of Bakerstown, in Pejepscot Papers.*

Parson Miller was, however, relieved from this task at length by old Mr. G. Coombs, who, with repeated raps with his rattan on the side of his pew, would make the meeting-house ring. At the east meeting-house, Deacon Snow, who wore a white wig, sat under or in front of the pulpit, and "lined out" the hymn, so that every man present might have an opportunity to sing. This was the common practice.<sup>1</sup>

One of the established institutions of those times was the board of tithing-men. It was their duty to preserve order during religious services, and to enforce the observance of the Sabbath. The most remarkable of all the men who ever filled this office was Mr. Crispus Graves. He was born and attained his majority in Topsham. He possessed a strong, muscular frame, and was quite tall. He had a large, strongly marked face. As far as his knowledge extended, his reasoning powers were good, and he could express his thoughts with conciseness and energy. He was a tithing-man for many years. In the old first meeting-house in Topsham, his pew was near the outside door. It was a wall pew with a large window. From his seat he could look the minister in the face, or turning around, could inspect the passers-by on the different roads in sight. He always had with him a remarkably long whipstock and lash. If he chanced to spy, during religious services, any "descendant of Belial, strolling about, or sitting on the fences, or in any way desecrating the Lord's day," he felt it incumbent upon him to leave the church and administer the necessary reproof. He hesitated not, also, if need were, to threaten the culprits with both the administration of the law and of his whip. He was an object of dread to all Sabbath-breakers. He did not consider, moreover, that his care was restricted to the oversight of human beings only. During his twenty-five years in office, he taught all owners of dogs to be sure and see them locked up before they themselves went to meeting. Occasionally, however, some unlucky cur would escape from his confinement and would follow his master to meeting. As surely as such an event happened, Mr. Graves would be on the watch, and if the dog came within his reach, it would receive as smart a stroke from him as his arm and whip could inflict. It made no difference whether it was in prayer-time or in sermon-time, the whip was sure to descend if the dog came within reach. Even during the singing the yelling of the dog might be heard exceeding even "the voice of the chorister or the double altos of his choir." Mr. Graves was so perfectly serious and solemn in his manner and so firm in his

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<sup>1</sup>James Curtis's *Journal*, in *Library of Maine Historical Society*.



belief that it was his bounden duty thus to disturb the services, that the ministers were greatly at a loss to determine in what manner to interfere. Remonstrance would not only give offence, but would be useless; while without some interference, the evil was sure to continue if it did not become increased. It was a hard matter for Mr. Graves to give up his place in the old meeting-house and go to the new one. He got bravely over the struggle, however, and bought a pew in the new building. This time it was noticed by every one that he chose a pew the very farthest from the door, at the northern extremity of the house. The window at his pew faced the hearse-house only. There were now no tithing-men, and no culprits to watch, but Mr. Graves never forgot or forgave the canine desecrators of the solemnity of the Sabbath. It was remarked at the time that he had taken the back-most pew of all, because he thought his services would no longer be needed. This, however, was not so.

The dogs took much greater liberty in the new house than they had taken in the old, though they seldom got so far up the aisle as Mr. Graves's pew. On two occasions, however, when he was nearly eighty years of age, his old enemies "traversed the whole length of the aisle, as if to defy the old lion in his lair and try his mettle. But he was up to them and in service-time too. The ruling passion was too strong, even with the hearse-house his only perspective. He gave the dogs a good sound thrashing, and their loud yells and yelpings instantly, of course, arrested all devotional feelings, although Mr. Goss kept straight on with his prayer." The narrator<sup>1</sup> of the above concludes his account as follows: "I was present at the time, and no doubt many others now living were witnesses."

During the early days of the society of the First Parish of Topsham, when it used the old meeting-house at the east end of the town, the choir was large, and for a time was led by a Mr. Nichols, a shoemaker in Brunswick, who was a very fine singer. It was afterwards led by a Mr. Ripley, and still later by a Mr. Blanchard. No instrumental music was made use of in those days. At one time, probably about 1821, an attempt was made to introduce a bass-viol, but the project was thwarted by Mr. William Randall, an influential member of the society, who declared that he would n't "hear a fiddle in God's house."

In those old times people were better church-goers than now, even if the standard of morality was no higher. In those times almost every one attended religious services on Sunday, some walking sev-

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<sup>1</sup> *The late James McKeen, M. D.*

eral miles, while others, riding from a greater distance, would, in the winter time, drive to the house of Mr. Alexander Rogers, who lived near by. This was absolutely necessary if they needed to get warmed, as the old church was never heated, even in the most severe weather, save by the fervor of the parson's theme and the little foot-stoves carried by the ladies. It was never considered time to start for church from Mr. Randall's until Mr. John Graves, who, from his exact regularity in attendance, was called "the clock," was seen to pass.

After the close of the Indian wars Brunswick and Topsham progressed rapidly in wealth and importance. Agriculture became the chief employment of the people, though a few were engaged in coasting. — carrying wood and lumber to other markets. As the prospects of the town grew better and better, the proprietors became more encouraged and assisted the purchasers of their lands by taking their pay in lumber or such products of their labor as could be spared.

As previously mentioned, the earlier inhabitants travelled mostly on foot, though a few owned horses and did their visiting on horseback. Indeed, nearly everything that a man could not transport himself was carried in that manner, and the saddle-bags were made capacious enough to hold veal, mutton, and produce of all kinds. At the meeting-house and at every retail store there was a horse-block with three steps, for the convenience of persons when mounting their steeds.

It is uncertain to whom belongs the honor of owning the first two-wheeled chaise. Judge Minot of Brunswick, and Robert Patten of Topsham, who were contemporaries, each owned one prior to the Revolution. Robert Patten, very likely, bought his soon after his marriage in 1768, although a ride in his "shay" may have been one of the inducements to his fair lady-love to wed him. Mr. James Curtis in 1830 wrote in his journal that fifty years previously (1780), when he was twelve years of age, "there was not a wheel carriage nor even a sleigh in Brunswick."

There is, however, no question that Judge Minot owned one previous to that time, but as Curtis lived at New Meadows, and the judge at Mair Point, the former may never have seen it. About the year 1790, Captain William Stanwood, Captain John Dunlap, and Benjamin Stone each owned a chaise. These chaises are described as clumsy, lumbering vehicles, without springs and very heavy.

The first *balanced* two-wheel chaise in Brunswick is said to have been owned by William Alexander. Professor Cleaveland once hired

this chaise to journey in to Boston, having first measured it and tested its strength in order to be assured that it was a safe vehicle.

Wagons were not introduced until about the year 1816 or 1817, and there had been but two or three carts, in Brunswick at least, previous to that date. The late Captain Peter Jordan, who lived at New Meadows, stated that he had the first wagon at the eastern part of Brunswick. He said that at the time of his purchase it was considered a great luxury, but that it was in reality little better than a cart. It was very heavy and was clumsily built, and as the body rested directly upon the axles, without the intervention of springs of any kind, the rider was apt to be jolted about not a little.

During the early part of the Revolutionary War, nails were so high that many used wooden pegs for shingling, boarding, and flooring their houses.<sup>1</sup> At this time such luxuries as carpets were unheard of here. The first one ever made in Topsham (for they were all home-made at first) was made in 1799, by Miss Margaret Rogers (the late Mrs. Nathaniel Green). This carpet was made of small squares of cloth about ten inches in diameter. These squares were alternately light and dark colored, and each one had some figure upon it, either an oak-leaf, a heart, or two hearts joined. A light-colored figure was always put on a dark square and *vice versa*. In 1800, at the time when the death of Washington was commemorated at the old meeting-house in Topsham, this carpet was borrowed to cover the rough platform which was built up in front of the pulpit, and upon which were seated the poet of the occasion and the dignitaries of the day. There was one other carpet in town at this time, belonging to the wife of Doctor Porter, but as it was fastened to the floor she objected to having it taken up.<sup>2</sup>

Weddings in those days were so similar to each other and differed so little from the present fashion, except in the amount of display attending and the sports following them, that it seems unnecessary to go into details concerning them. Three occurrences of this kind, however, were so peculiar as to demand special mention here. The first occurred in 1783 or 1785, and the facts have been deposed to under oath. Mr. William Walker, of Falmouth, and Miss Sybil Staples, of Topsham, had long been affianced and were anxious to be married. The day was fixed upon, and Reverend John Miller, of Brunswick, was requested to officiate. The wedding was to take

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<sup>1</sup> McKeen, MSS. Lectures; also James Curtis's Journal.

<sup>2</sup> Diary of the late Dr. James McKeen.



place in Topsham, either at the residence of the bride's parents or at the meeting-house. "The course of true love ne'er runs smooth." There was no bridge across the river at this time and a sudden and unusual freshet prevented all crossing at the ferry, so that Mr. Miller was unable to keep his appointment. The bride and groom, determined not to delay, were equal to the emergency. By some means communication was established with Mr. Miller. The bridal party took their place on the Topsham side at the ferry-landing. After the bridegroom and bride had joined hands, Mr. Miller, on the opposite shore, lifted up his voice, and in a speech heard distinctly across the river, pronounced the twain to be one flesh.<sup>1</sup>

The following marriage certificate was copied verbatim from the original, now in the possession of Mr. J. L. Douglas, of Bath, and shows the ancient form of marriage of the Friends, which has been slightly modified, and is in use by this society at the present time:—

"Whereas, Cornelas Duglas of Harpswell, in the County of Cumberland, son of Elijah Duglas and Phebe his wife, and Ann Estis, Daughter of Edward Estes and Patience his wife, both of the aforesaid town And County and Province of the Massachusetts baye, in newengland, having declared their intentions of taking Eich other in marige, before two publick meeting of the people Called quakers, in Harpswell and falmouth, acording to Good order used amongst them, and Proceedeing threïn after Deliberate Consideration, they allso appearing Clear of ali others, And haveing Consent of parents and Relatives Concerned, were approved by sd meeting. Now these are to certify all whome it may concern, that for accompleshing their sd Intentions, this 10th day of the 11th month called november, annodomi seventeen hundred and sixty seven, they the sd Cornelas Duglas and Ann Estes, appeared in a publick assembly of the aforesaid people, And others met together att their publick meeting house att Harpswell, aforesaid. And he, the said Cornelas Duglas, in a solom maner, takeing the said Ann Estes by the Hand, Did openly Declared as follows: friends, I Desire you to be my witnesses, that I take this friend, Ann Estis, to be my wife, promising through the Lord's assistance, to be unto Her a true and Loveing Husband untel it Shall pleas the Lord by Death to sepperate us. And then and their in the said assembly, the said ann Estis did in like manner Declare as followeth: friends, I Desire you to be my witnesses, that I take this friend, Cornelas Duglas, to be my Husband, promasing through the

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

Lord's assistance, to be unto him A true and Loveing wife, until it Shall pleas the Lord by Death to sepperate us. And as a further conformation theirof, the said Cornelias Duglas and ann Estis did then and their, by these Presents, set their hands, she according to Custom, assuming the name of her Husband,

"CORNELAS DUGLAS.  
ANN DUGLAS.

"And we, whose names are hearunto Subscribed, being present at the Solomnizing of Said marrige and Suberibtion in manner afore-said. as witnesses, have allso to these Presents Subscribed our names, the Daye and year above written.

"JOSHUA BABB,  
NATHANIEL PINKHAM,  
ROGER TOOTHAKER,  
GIDEON TOOTHAKER,  
THANKFUL JONES,  
SARAH PINKHAM,  
ELEANOR HAIS,  
MARY HAIS,  
BETY WEBER,  
ABAGAIL RODEX,  
CATHRINE PINKHAM,

ELIJAH DUGLAS,  
PATIENCE ESTES,  
LEMUEL JONES,  
JOHN BARKER,  
JOHN BARKER, JR.,  
ELIZABETH DUGLAS,  
WAIT JONES,  
SARAH ESTES,  
ELENOR ESTES,  
MARCY JONES,  
RACHEL JONES,  
SARAH PINKHAM."

The other wedding to which reference was made is remarkable only for the coincidence of the relationship. On September 28, 1825, in the Friends' Meeting-House, in Durham, Elijah and Reuben Cole, of China, *twin brothers*, were married to Elizabeth and Mary Jones, daughters of Edward Jones, of Brunswick, and *twin sisters*.

In the last century all, both men and women, except the few more wealthy ones, wore home-made garments. The men wore cloth of a light blue color, not fullled. Some few of the older men wore knee-breeches. Shoe-buckles were generally worn, and many of the men and even boys wore their hair long and done up in a queue behind. Mr. Dean Swift, when a boy of ten, had a queue six or eight inches long. James Curtis writes in his journal that in 1780 "not one man in ten had a pair of boots. Parson Miller attended meeting at the east meeting-house with a good pair of blue buskins hauled up over his breeches knees."

The dress of the ladies was as changeable, if not as complicated, as at the present day. The skirt of a lady's dress was composed of but two breadths, one in front, and one behind, with a small gore on each

side. Skirts were very short, except for party dresses, which had the hind breadth made into a long train for the house. This train a lady, when preparing for the street, would pin up to her waist. The waists were made very short and full, such as we now call *baby waists*. The sleeves were short, and there was a broad band went over the shoulders. The neck was covered with a white muslin neckerchief, which was fitted to the neck and shoulders, and came down under the band of the waist. The arms were covered with long white kid mits which came nearly to the elbow. The hair was arranged in various modes, but the favorite way was to comb it all on top of the head and confine it with a large high-top comb; some would puff and roll their hair, but in every case powder was considered indispensable. It is said that one Patience Wallace, a young girl living on Small Point, was going to a party one night, and having no powder, flour, or chalk to dust her hair with, she took some unslacked lime. During the evening she danced, and as she got heated the perspiration slacked the lime, which entirely destroyed the hair. She never thereafter had any hair, but had to wear a man's cap on her head, both in doors and out.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Curtis also wrote in the journal referred to that "in those days, women would collect in groups for the purpose of braiding wool, it being a hard, laborious work. When at length a carding-mill or machine was heard of, it was hailed with an enthusiastic welcome, and must have been as great a relief to the women as when, at an earlier date, water-power was applied to grain-mills, before which time it would take two women to grind or turn a corn-mill. Cotton was about three shillings per pound, and such was the labor of carding, spinning, weaving, etc., that cotton and linen cloth was worth fifty cents a yard, and a man must work half a month in the best of the season on a pair of shirts made of this coarse cloth." About 1780 "the nearest fulling-mill was in North Yarmouth, and the cloth was ordinary, as no one knew or thought that the quality of wool could be improved.

"Houses were built for convenience and not for show, and ceilings were just high enough to clear a tall man's hat. Chimneys were generally topped out above the ridge-pole. Fireplaces were from seven to nine feet between the jambs, and more than a proportionable depth, which would receive a log which it took two men to handle. Every family was provided, however, with a good strong hand-sled, on which to remove the logs to the fireside, which was done with convenience,

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<sup>1</sup> This description was given by a Mrs. Price, aged ninety-two years.



as the sills of houses were laid close to the surface of the earth. In 1780 not one house in ten in Brunswick had a crane in the chimney, being supplied with long trammels and what was called a lug-pole, a stick across the chimney about four feet up, and there were more than six wooden mantel-trees to an iron one.

“In 1780 there were not more than two or three painted houses in Brunswick.

“Bears were frequently seen. The hideous cry of the wolf was commonly heard from our forests, and their ravages were not infrequent. Every family kept a large dog, some two, but commonly a large and a small one, which did not fail to annoy every traveller that passed with their yelping. This practice of keeping dogs was probably the result of the great utility of that animal in the French and Indian war.

“Every sorry old woman was deputed a witch, and spirits were frequently seen, and much feared, children having been brought up to hear such stories as an evening amusement, terrifying as they were, which had a lasting and pernicious effect.” A great many superstitious beliefs were rife at this time, among which was one that toothache could be cured by cutting off one’s finger and toe nails, and a lock of one’s hair, and placing them in a hole bored in a tree with an auger. About the year 1850 a tree was cut on Oak Hill in Topsham, and was sawed at one of the mills. Near the centre of the log was found a lock of hair, and as Artemus Ward would have said, “a large and well-selected assortment” of the corneous extremities of the fingers and toes, doubtless placed there many years previously by a believer in this remedy for the toothache.

It is also stated in Curtis’s Journal that “farming was done in a style very different from the present. A tolerable crop of corn was obtained by a shovelful of manure in the hill, but it must be hilled or banked up to a great height. The following crop was generally rye, flax, or barley. The land was then, not stocked down, but left to produce hay, and to be seeded by Providence or chance.

“Calves were snatched from the cows at eight or ten weeks old, without any previous care to introduce a substitute for milk, and turned out to hay or grass, to rend the air with their cries till starvation should teach them the use of such coarse food, and which they would not fail to learn before flesh and strength were quite exhausted. Probably, however, not more than three out of four got up ‘May Hill,’ as it was then called.

“Potatoes were raised at a great expense. The ground being

broken up, but not harrowed, a large hole was made by cutting out a piece of the sod the whole depth of the ploughing. Into the bottom of this hole was thrown a shovelful of dung, if so much could be spared, then a scanty portion of seed, which lay far below the surface of the ground, over which was made an enormous hill which must receive considerable addition at hoeing. In this way, with double the necessary labor, something like half a crop was obtained. A sufficiency was, however, generally raised. As it was not known that potatoes would save the lives of calves in the spring, or be of any use to pigs after wintering, any surplus was frequently lost.

“Hogs were generally kept over two winters, and at two and a half years old would commonly weigh over two hundred, but would seldom go as high as three hundred.

“Scarce a bushel of wheat was raised and bolting-mills were not known.”<sup>1</sup>

Oil lamps and even tallow candles were for many years unknown. It is related that when Reverend Jonathan Ellis came to Topsham (as late as 1788), he spent his first night at Esquire Merrill's. Upon retiring for the night, Mrs. Merrill lighted a pitch-pine knot for him, and showed him to his room up stairs. Finding no other place to put his light, Mr. Ellis stood it up in the fireplace and in a few minutes the chimney was all ablaze.

The manner of cooking at that time was not very different from that of to-day, though it differed in some respects. One of the principal dishes was rather peculiar. It consisted of a piece of fresh beef boiled, with hulled corn and beans added. Every family had baked beans and brown bread on Sunday morning and noon. The rye and Indian corn bread was generally made in great troughs and then baked in iron kettles in a brick oven. From a half-dozen to a dozen loaves were usually made at one time. Doughnuts, instead of being made with molasses, were sweetened with maple sugar, which was very abundant in those days.

All kinds of liquors were freely drank, though West India rum was the most generally used. Various kinds of fancy drinks were also made, prominent among which was a winter beverage called *flip*. It was made of spruce beer, rum, sugar, and water. At all taverns it was customary to keep two iron rods, called *pokers*, heated in the coals. When *flip* was called for, the beer would be drawn, into which would be plunged a red-hot poker. The rum,

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<sup>1</sup> This Journal is in the Library of the Maine Historical Society.

sugar, and water would then be added. Half a pint of rum to a quart of beer was considered to be the right proportion. This beverage was deemed delicious by all who indulged in it. Punch was the summer beverage. It was made in about the same manner as it is at present in those places where its use is indulged in, — of rum, sugar, and water, flavored with the juice of a lemon. Some of the citizens were too fond of these beverages for their own welfare. There was one such man named Andrews, who was very fond of making rhymes and equally fond of his punch or flip. One day a load of goods was brought from Maquoit to Brunswick village, and Andrews volunteered to assist in unloading. While doing so, a barrel of rum fell out of the cart, and striking his leg, fractured it. He was taken into a store and a surgeon sent for. His ruling passions displayed themselves even in his agony, for while waiting for the doctor he composed the following rhyme : —

“ By a sudden stroke my leg is broke,  
 My heart is sore offended ;  
 The doctor’s come — let’s have some rum,  
 And then we’ll have it mended.”

Some of the customs of these times were so discreditable to the towns that it is with reluctance that any mention is made of them. Of this character were the quarrels between the students of the college and the rowdies of Brunswick, who were designated “ Yaggers.” The latter were almost invariably the aggressors. At times it was necessary for students, if alone, to go armed. There was an equal disaffection between the “ Yaggers ” and the rowdies of Topsham, and this fact was often a matter for rejoicing to the student. It is pleasant to know that a better feeling now prevails, and that such quarrels are events of the past. They would never have occurred had a proper police force been sustained, and the laws been enforced.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

In the earliest period of the settlement of these towns, but little real amusement was known to the citizens. Near the close of the last century, however, balls and parties, huskings and apple-bees, came in vogue, and served to enliven the otherwise monotonous life of the people. From the number of dancing-schools which have been kept in Brunswick and Topsham, it is reasonable to suppose that the citizens of these towns were fond of this method of relaxation from care, and that their dancing parties were well attended. The earliest dan-



cing-school kept in either town is believed to have been the one taught by a Mr. Allen, in 1799, in the Godfrey House, in Topsham.

The amusements of the college students at a somewhat later date were generally confined to themselves, and were apt to give occasion to other feelings than those of merriment on the part of the citizens. Students' pranks have been altogether too numerous to admit even of their enumeration in this connection; nevertheless, the following is introduced, not only as being one of the earliest occurrences of the kind, but as affording a fair sample of all. Such tricks, if they did not afford amusement to those of the inhabitants immediately affected by them, yet served as good topics for general conversation for quite a while. The following anecdote is given in the words of another, himself a student and very likely an eye-witness, we dare not say a participant.

"A countryman bound to Portland with a two-horse team, laden with butter in firkins, beans in bags, and three dead hogs (for it was cold weather, being the first of the spring term), drove up to the tavern that stood near the college, and put up for the night. In the morning when he got up, his cart and load were gone. Search was made in all directions. They followed the wheel-tracks to the college, and there lost them. About the middle of the forenoon some one espied the vehicle on the roof of North College, the wheels astride the ridge-pole, laden ready to hitch on to. Who put it there and how they effected it was a mystery; but it was a deal of work for a good many hands to get it down by taking the cart to pieces."<sup>1</sup>

Of public amusements, such as caravans and circuses, theatrical performances, concerts, lectures, etc., the number is so great as to admit of but limited notice.

Mr. Dean Swift says that the first public exhibition in Brunswick or vicinity was given in the year 1798. One McGinness, an Englishman, gave a Punch and Judy show in the northeast chamber of the dwelling-house on Maine Street, now owned and occupied by Mrs. Rodney Forsaith. The exhibition was well attended, everybody was satisfied, and Mr. Swift says it was really quite a good show.

According to the same authority, the first caravan was exhibited here about the year 1818 on the lot now owned by the town, back of the Post-Office. This was followed, in the year 1825, by one which exhibited on the same lot. In 1829 a caravan, owned by Macomber & Co., exhibited near the Tontine Hotel. In 1836 there was a combined

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<sup>1</sup> Kellogg, *Sophomores of Radcliffe*.

menagerie and circus. In 1843 Raymond & Co. gave their zoölogical exhibition, and in 1845 Rockwell & Stone's New York Circus was exhibited near the Universalist Church, on Federal Street. Since that time entertainments of this kind have been of more frequent occurrence.

In 1824 a Mr. Taylor gave an exhibition of ventriloquism at Stoddard's Hall. The first theatrical performance was that given in 1828, for one week, at Nichols Hall, by a company of comedians from the Tremont Theatre, Boston. The entertainment the first evening consisted of Tobias's comedy of "The Honeymoon" and the farce of "The Young Widow." The price of admission was fifty cents. Children under twelve years of age were admitted for half price.

The first public concert of vocal music of which we find any record was given at Richards Hotel, July 28, 1836, by Mr. and Mrs. G. Andrews and Miss A. Woodward of Boston. It is quite probable, however, that concerts were given at an earlier date by the Hayden Society, a musical organization in existence as early as 1825. Of late years concerts have been of too frequent occurrence to call for further notice.

The first instrumental concert was probably that given by the Brunswick Brass Band, March 1, 1844.

The first regatta ever given on the Androscoggin River took place October 12, 1870. There were four races for the championship of Maine and for silver goblets. The first race was for six-oared boats, three miles; the second, for wherries pulled by the students, one mile; the third for single shell wherries, two miles; the fourth for double shell boats, two miles.

The *burlesque* May trainings of the students of Bowdoin College may properly be classed under the head of amusements. The first occurred in 1836, the company appearing dressed in the most grotesque costumes, and with arms and equipments of not the most approved patterns. The following year the company again made its appearance. The cannon of the Brunswick Artillery Company, to which about forty of them belonged, having been concealed, the company marched over to Topsham and took the pieces belonging to the Topsham Artillery Company. Similar annual trainings by the students were kept up for many years, the last one occurring in 1855 or 1856. In these fantastic processions, the students generally personified public men or characters of fiction. Sometimes, though not often, they adopted costumes in ridicule of some worthy citizen of the town. More frequently they illustrated in a laughable manner some event of

a local character. The causes which led to the appearance of these fantastic trainings in the first place will be given in the chapter upon the military history of the town.

In Topsham, public entertainments have not been of frequent occurrence. The reason for this is obvious: Brunswick, being the larger town and in such close proximity to Topsham, offers the better field for securing a full attendance upon such occasions. Of fairs, levees, school exhibitions, private dramatic entertainments, concerts by local singers, etc., Topsham has doubtless had her full share. Few travelling shows have, however, exhibited there.

About 1832 a caravan exhibited on the high land above the present Free-Will Baptist Meeting-House. Much curiosity was excited as to the elephants passing over the bridges from Brunswick, fears being entertained that they would break through or else refuse to walk over them.

About the year 1850 a company of Indians from the State of New York gave an exhibition at the Court House, illustrative of the Indian mode of life, and of warfare. It was the first exhibition of the kind in the vicinity, and it attracted a large audience.

Harpswell has always been obliged to content herself with amusements of a purely local character. The location of the town, and the scattered situation of its inhabitants, offer little inducement to proprietors of travelling exhibitions to exhibit there. But what the citizens lose in this way is probably made up by a greater degree of sociability and by more varied home amusements.

#### LECTURES.

Public lectures, either gratuitous or otherwise, have been of quite frequent occurrence in these towns, and especially in Brunswick. Mention of orations and lectures delivered upon public occasions will be made under the head of Public Celebrations.

The earliest known course of lectures was given by a Miss Prescott, in 1825. The subject was "English Grammar," and the tickets were three dollars for a course of forty lectures. In 1826 John Cleaves Symmes, a believer in an interior world, access to which was open to voyagers in the southern hemisphere, gave a course of three lectures, which was well attended, and commanded respect and interest, as Mr. Symmes was not considered a charlatan, however erroneous might be his theory.

In the summer of 1832, or about that time, through the influence of the distinguished Doctor Reuben Dimond Mussey, a professor in the Medical School, Doctor Sylvester Graham, noted for his theory of



vegetable diet to the exclusion of animal, gave a course of lectures on his specialty. They were given in the Congregational Church, and were fully attended. The doctor was an attractive lecturer, and his theory gained many adherents. The meat-market ran low, and butchers feared for their calling. Some really feared that their occupation was gone.

About this time also, Professor Espy, of Philadelphia, an admirable lecturer, and eminent in his specialty, gave a very interesting course upon the theory of "Storms and Meteorology." He was called the "Storm King." Professor Smyth gave a course on "Electricity." Professor De la Mater, of the Medical School, gave his regular course on "Hygiene," as a lyceum course, at which the medical class attended. Doctor Benjamin Lincoln, of the class of 1823, and then professor in the Vermont Medical School, gave a course on "Vegetable Life." Single lectures were also given by Professor Packard, Ebenezer Everett, Esquire, Reverend Mr. Adams, and Professor Cleaveland. The most of these were free lectures, delivered under the auspices of the Brunswick and Topsham Athenæum. They were given in the Tontine Hall.

In March, 1833, a Mr. Wilbur, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, delivered a course of lectures on "Astronomy"; and in the following August, Reverend Mr. Farley gave a lecture before the Brunswick and Topsham Athenæum, at Reverend Mr. Titcomb's meeting-house, on the subject of "True Enterprise." In 1834 Mr. John McKeen gave a course of lectures before the above-mentioned society, upon the History of Brunswick and Topsham, and soon afterwards Mr. C. Hamlin gave a lecture at Pike's Hall, on "Steam Enginery." In the winter and spring of 1836 Professor Packard delivered a lecture on the subject of "Primary Schools," and Doctor Adams gave a course of lectures on "Physiology." The above lectures were given before the Athenæum.

In 1843 a lyceum was organized, and lectures were given by the following gentlemen: Reverend D. C. Haines, on "Education"; Professor Packard, on "Nationality"; R. H. Dunlap, Poem, "A Defence of Poetry."

The course was continued in 1844, by Professor Goodwin, on "Machiavelli"; Professor Smyth, on "Explosions of Steam Boilers"; Reverend Mr. Bailey, on "Reading"; Wm. G. Barrows, Esquire, on "The Saracens"; John W. Davis, on "American History"; Reverend Asahel Moore, on "Popular Education"; Colonel T. L. McKenny, on "Origin, History, and Character of the Indians."

In 1857 a lyceum was organized by members of the Unitarian Society, and lectures were delivered by Reverend Doctors Sheldon, of Waterville, and Peabody, of Boston, Mass., and by Professor C. C. Everett, of Brunswick, Reverend Mr. Stebbins, of Portland, Thomas H. Talbot, Esquire, of Portland, and by Reverend A. D. Wheeler, D. D.

In 1859 a course of lectures was given at the Congregational Vestry, by Professor Paul A. Chadbourne, on "Natural History as related to Intellect"; by Augustus C. Robbins, on "Rags and Paper"; by Reverend Cyril Pearl, of Baldwin, on the "Past, Present, and Future of Maine"; and by Professor Egbert C. Smyth, on "Walking."

In 1860 a course of six lectures was given by Professor Chadbourne on "Iceland and the Icelanders"; "Natural History as related to the Fine Arts, on General Principles of Classification, etc."; "General Description of Invertebrates"; "The Relations of Natural History and Religion."

In 1862 there was a course of free lectures. A record of two only has been preserved: the first by Reverend Doctor Ballard, on "Common-Sense"; and the second by Professor Packard, on the "Acadians, or French Neutrals."

Topsham, not being the seat of a literary institution, does not show so large a list of lectures, though its citizens have usually constituted a fair proportion of Brunswick audiences. A lyceum was inaugurated in Topsham in 1842, but no record of any lectures has been kept, except of one in December by Reverend Paul S. Adams, and one in January, 1843, by John W. Davis, Esquire. In 1850 Reverend Amos D. Wheeler gave a lecture at the Court House on the different methods of reckoning time.

In 1859 lectures were delivered before the Topsham Farmers and Mechanics' Club by Warren Johnson, A. M., Topsham; Reverend Wm. A. Drew, Augusta; Reverend H. C. Leonard, Waterville; and by Reverend S. F. Dike, of Bath; Doctor N. S. True, Bethel; Professor Paul A. Chadbourne, of Bowdoin College; A. G. Tenney, Esquire, Brunswick; Reverend H. Q. Butterfield, Hallowell.

#### CELEBRATIONS.

The first observance of any public event in either of these towns, of which any account has been preserved to us, was that of Washington's death, the observance of which, in accordance with a resolution of the national Congress, took place on February 22, 1800. But little is preserved of the proceedings of that day in Brunswick. The only

spectator now known to be living was at that time but eight years of age. A procession of citizens was formed in front of what was afterwards the residence of the late Doctor Lincoln; they were escorted by boys under the leadership of Mr. David Dunlap, and proceeded to the old west meeting-house, where a eulogy was delivered by Doctor Page. The eulogy has not been preserved, but the closing words are said to have been, "If Washington is dead, we can thank our God that we have an Adams in the chair."

In Topsham, a procession was formed at the house of Captain Alexander Rogers, and moved to the old east meeting-house in the following order: —

Marshal.  
 Military Officers  
 (in uniform, with side arms draped in mourning).  
 Soldiers of the Revolution.  
 The Orator.  
 Civil Officers of the United States.  
 Selectmen.  
 Citizens.

The exercises at the meeting-house consisted of music, a prayer, music, an elegy, and the singing of an anthem. "The whole attended to with decency, order, and decorum." The elegy was delivered by the Reverend Jonathan Ellis. The following introductory lines are given as a specimen of his muse: —

"Ye who have often heard his praises sung  
 In strains sublime by many an abler tongue,  
 Now hear my grief-taught muse her grief impart,  
 A grief deep felt by every patriot heart, —  
 Our Washington's no more."

There was no observance of the occasion in Harpswell, the citizens of that town attending the exercises in Brunswick.

The first observance in this vicinity, of the anniversary of the Declaration of National Independence, took place in Topsham, in 1805. Samuel Willard, then a tutor in Bowdoin College, delivered an oration "at the request of the Federal Republicans of Brunswick and Topsham."

The following year, 1806, the Reverend Jonathan Ellis delivered an oration at the Court House, before the members of the same political organization.

No account has been found of any other celebration of this day prior to 1825, although it is known with tolerable certainty that such



celebrations were had almost every year during the first quarter of the century. In the year 1825 the citizens assembled on July 4, at one o'clock, P. M., at the "Falstaff Inn," Brunswick. Here Charles Packard, Esquire, delivered "an appropriate and very interesting address," and concluded by reading the Declaration of Independence. A public dinner, enlivened with a variety of toasts, was then partaken of.

March 4, 1829, the inauguration at Washington of General Jackson as President of the United States, was duly celebrated in Brunswick. "Father" Stetson writes in his diary, on this day, "Great parading in our wide street, guns fired, bells rung, boys mustered."

July 4, 1830, was celebrated by a procession of young men, escorted by the Light Infantry Company. An oration was delivered at the meeting-house on the hill, by Mr. Webster Kelly, of Topsham. It was followed by a dinner at the Tontine Hotel, furnished by Mr. Elijah P. Pike. The festivities of the day were marred by a fatal accident. The boys in their patriotic zeal had obtained a swivel about eight inches in length. This they had filled with paper wadding, but without any bullet. The force of its discharge was sufficient, however, to cause the death of Mr. Theophilus Miller, who was accidentally hit by the wadding.

On July 4, 1836, the members of the Young Men's Temperance Society, of Brunswick, together with other friends of temperance, assembled at Stone's Hall, and formed a procession under the escort of the Mechanic Volunteers. The procession embraced a large number of the temperance people from different parts of the town, including a portion of the Temperance Society of Bowdoin College. A company of youth, named the "Juvenile Guards," formed the rear rank. At half past ten A. M., the procession moved up Maine Street to the Congregational Church, where the following exercises were held:—

"National Hymn, by the choir. Prayer, by Reverend Asahel Moore.<sup>1</sup> 117th Psalm; tune, *Old Hundred*. A Declaration of Independence, written for the occasion by Mr. Alonzo Garcelon,<sup>2</sup> member of the Senior Class of Bowdoin College. Address, by Mr. Andrew Dunning. Temperance hymn. Benediction. 'The services were interesting and the audience was large and attentive.'"

The Fourth of July, 1842, was celebrated in Brunswick with unusual eclat. At ten o'clock, A. M., a procession formed near Washington Hall, under the direction of Colonel Estabrook, marshal of the

<sup>1</sup> *Methodist*. — *Bowdoin, Class of 1835*.

<sup>2</sup> *Now a physician in Lewiston.*

day, marched through the various streets, and entered the Congregational Church at eleven o'clock. The escort was formed by the Mechanic Volunteers. The order of exercises at the church was as follows : —

A voluntary on the organ ; singing by the choir ; reading of Scripture by Reverend Doctor Adams ; reading of the 136th Psalm, with responses by the audience ; prayer ; reading of the Declaration of Independence, by George C. Swallow ; singing by choir and congregation ; oration by Washington Gilbert ; benediction. After the benediction, the audience separated, and, the procession being re-formed, they proceeded to the grove near the town-house, where a collation had been provided under the superintendence of Mr. William R. Field, Senior. The band enlivened the scene with appropriate music, and all seemed to enjoy the festival.

In the course of the afternoon, the young ladies of Brunswick received their friends in the Tontine Hall. The younger misses assembled at the house of Ebenezer Everett, Esquire, and passed the afternoon in a pleasant manner. In the evening there was a display of fire-works.

In 1843 the Young Men's Temperance Society of Brunswick celebrated the return of the anniversary of National Independence by a procession, of which Captain John A. Cleaveland was the chief marshal. Public exercises were had at the church on the hill. There was music by the band, a prayer, an original ode sung by the choir, and an oration delivered by Reverend George Knox, of Topsham, which was followed by more music, a poem by Mr. Albert W. Knight, and an original ode was sung by the choir.

In 1845 the day was celebrated in Topsham by the Temperance Society. The procession marched to the Unitarian Meeting-House, where an address was delivered by M. B. Goodwin, of the Senior Class of Bowdoin College. After the exercises, there was a dinner at the Washingtonian House.

Probably the celebration of the Fourth of July which was attended with the most eclat of any that ever occurred in either of these towns was that in 1854.

At ten A. M. a procession was formed in the following order : —

Marshal.	
Bowdoinham Artillery,	}
Fire Companies of Brunswick,	
Fire Company of Topsham,	
Band.	
Aid — Chief Marshal — Aid.	

Marshal — Fire Companies from Abroad.

Marshal — Committee of Arrangements.

President of the Day and Chaplain.

Vice-Presidents.

Orator, Poet, and Reader.

Marshal — Selectmen of Brunswick and Topsham.

Marshal — Fire Wards.

Marshal — Superintending School Committee of Brunswick and Topsham.

Marshal — United States Officers.

State Officers.

Marshal — Clergy.

Members of the Bar.

Town Officers (present and past) of Brunswick and Topsham.

Marshal — Officers of Bowdoin College.

Students of same.

Marshal — Agent and Overseers of the Cabot Manufacturing Company.

Operatives of the same.

Marshal — Schools of Brunswick and Topsham, with their respective Teachers.

Marshal — Preceptor and Pupils of Topsham Academy.

Marshal — Strangers.

Marshal — Citizens of Brunswick and Topsham.

Marshal — FLORAL PROCESSION of the Young Ladies of Brunswick and Topsham, in carriages.

Marshal — Juvenile Temperance Watchmen Club.

The procession, after passing through the principal streets, entered the church upon the hill. Here Professor R. D. Hitchcock offered a prayer, and the Declaration of Independence was read by Professor H. H. Boody, after which Ex-Governor Robert P. Dunlap, the president of the day, introduced to the audience Mr. William P. Drew, the orator of the day. The oration was followed by a poem by Reverend Elijah Kellogg. In the afternoon a trial of fire-engines for the prize, a silver trumpet, took place at the upper mills. The prize was awarded to Androscoggin No. 2, of Topsham, which played a stream of one hundred and seventy-four feet and some inches. Atlantic Company No. 2, of Portland, was so unfortunate as to burst their hose at each trial. An exhibition of fire-works, which would have been a fine one, was marred by a shower which hurried it to a close. The festivities of the day closed with a ball at the Tontine Hall, under the direction of Protector Engine Company No. 4, of Brunswick.

In 1860 the day was observed in a similar way. William P. Tucker, tator of Bowdoin College, read the Declaration of Independence; and Augustus C. Robbins, Esquire, of Brunswick, delivered an oration.

Doubtless the day has been occasionally observed in Harpswell,



but no account of any special celebration has been obtained. The day is often chosen for Sabbath-school picnics.

On Monday, August 16, 1858, a public meeting was held at the depot in Brunswick, to celebrate the successful laying of the Atlantic cable. General Abner B. Thompson called the meeting to order. Albert G. Tenney, Esquire, was elected chairman, and Daniel Elliot, secretary. The messages between the Directors of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, and between the Queen of England and the President of the United States, were then read. A volunteer choir sang an ode, speeches were made by A. G. Tenney, Reverend John S. C. Abbot, Reverend Amos D. Wheeler, D.D., of Topsham, Honorable Charles J. Gilman, Reverend Aaron C. Adams, of Manchester, New Hampshire, Honorable Ebenezer Everett, Reverend Doctor Ballard, and Reverend George E. Adams, D. D., and the exercises were concluded by another ode from the choir. The depot and telegraph office were illuminated, as were also the houses of many of the citizens of Brunswick and Topsham.

February 22, 1862, the anniversary of Washington's birthday was celebrated in the Congregational Church in Brunswick. Reverend Doctor Wheeler, of Topsham, read the hymn, "My country, 't is of thee"; Professor Whittlesey read selections from the Scriptures; Reverend Doctor Ballard read the prayers for the occasion, from the Episcopal Collection. Washington's Farewell Address was then read by Reverend Doctor Adams, a hymn to the tune of "St. Martin's" was then sung by the choir, and the benediction pronounced.

On Saturday, April 15, 1865, upon the reception of the news of the assassination of President Lincoln, a public meeting was held at the church of the First Parish in Brunswick. Honorable Marshall Cram presided. Reverend Doctor Wheeler, of Topsham, made a prayer, which was followed by addresses from Reverend Doctor Ballard, Honorable Charles J. Gilman, Reverend T. J. B. House, Reverend Doctor Adams, A. G. Tenney, President Leonard Woods, Reverend Mr. Baldwin, Professor C. F. Brackett, and Warren Johnson. A resolution was passed expressive of great grief at the calamity which had fallen upon the nation, and of faith in the stability of the government. The pulpit and choir gallery were appropriately draped in mourning, as were also many stores and private residences. All the flags were at half mast.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1865, a union meeting of the different religious societies of Brunswick was held in the Mason Street Church, at 12 M., in commemoration of the death of the late President of the

United States, Abraham Lincoln, whose funeral services were then being held at Washington, D. C. The exercises were as follows: —

A portion of Scripture was read by Reverend A. D. Wheeler, D. D., a hymn by Reverend J. T. B. House, a prayer by Reverend Doctor Adams; a second hymn was then read by Reverend Doctor Wheeler, who delivered an appropriate discourse. Prayer was then offered by Reverend Mr. House, a national hymn sung by the choir, and the benediction pronounced by Doctor Adams. The church was appropriately draped with mourning.

April 19, 1875, the anniversary of the battles of Concord and Lexington was celebrated in Brunswick, by the display of flags, ringing of bells, and a national salute fired by a detachment of the Artillery Company, of Bowdoin College.

Memorial Day has also been observed annually in Brunswick and Topsham by the decoration of the graves of the fallen heroes of the Rebellion, and frequently by a public address.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS.

A meeting of the surviving soldiers of the Revolution was held October 5, 1825. Philip Owen was chosen chairman, and John Given secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to Honorable Peleg Sprague of Hallowell, Honorable John Anderson of Portland, and Honorable Edward Everett of Massachusetts, "for their generous and able pleas before the Congress of the United States, in behalf of themselves and companions in the perilous services of the Revolution."

On April 23, 1827, a citizens' meeting was held, "for the relief of the Greeks." Speeches were made by Honorable Robert P. Dunlap and Professor Thomas C. Upham. The amount of one hundred and sixteen dollars was contributed.

In 1833 a meeting of the citizens of Brunswick was held on the third of July, for the purposes of taking measures to extend an invitation to President Jackson to visit the town while on his proposed tour through New England.

The antislavery agitation commenced in this vicinity by the appointment at a public meeting in January, 1838, of Professor William Smyth and David Dunlap, Esquire, of Brunswick, and Reverend Thomas N. Lord and Reverend Edwin R. Warren, of Topsham, as delegates to the Maine Antislavery Society, to be held in Augusta. At the meeting of this society Professor Smyth was chosen its secretary.

In November, 1838, Mr. Coddington, the general agent of the above-named society, delivered several lectures in Brunswick upon the sub-

ject of slavery and its abolition. The antislavery cause met with much opposition in Brunswick.

A meeting was held October 27, 1838, "to take into consideration the measures at present pursued by the Abolitionists," at which both the friends and foes of the measures were present.

An attempt was made to introduce some resolutions which had been prepared prior to the meeting by opponents of the cause. This action was warmly opposed by Professor William Smyth, who said they "had not come together to pass resolutions prepared to our hand without deliberation on our part," and that the call for the meeting implied that they were to "deliberate, examine, discuss." Hisses and "Down with him!" were heard in different parts of the house, but he concluded his remarks without any regard to them. He was followed and warmly sustained by General John C. Humphreys, and the meeting adjourned without transacting any business, to meet again on the following Tuesday evening.

At the adjourned meeting General A. B. Thompson offered resolutions to the following effect:—

Against any interference with slavery by the people of non-slaveholding States. Admitting the *right* of free discussion, but against the exercise of it and against any unlawful opposition to it. That the opinions expressed in these resolutions were in accordance with the sentiments of the vast majority of the citizens of that community. Mr. Adams spoke in opposition to the resolutions, though his remarks met with frequent interruption. The resolutions were adopted by a vote of one hundred and sixty-three to one hundred and seventeen.

On Wednesday, October 31, the citizens of Brunswick and Topsham met at the Congregational Church in Topsham to consider the action of the meeting held the previous evening in Brunswick.

The meeting was opened by a strain of pithy, pungent remarks from Doctor James McKeen, in reference to the late meeting in Brunswick. Addresses were also made by John M. O'Brien, Esquire, Mr. Coddling, and others. The meeting was highly interesting in its character, and cheering to the friends of free discussion and of equal and impartial liberty. It was agreed to call another meeting of the citizens of the two villages, to assemble in Brunswick on the Friday evening following, and a committee was raised for that purpose.

In accordance with this arrangement, a call was issued on Friday morning, inviting "the friends of free discussion and the right of the people freely to assemble for the purpose of discussing any subject in morals, politics, or religion, in which they feel an interest," to meet



at the Second Baptist Meeting-House, in Brunswick, on that evening, to give such expression of their sentiments in relation to this right as in existing circumstances might appear suitable and necessary. The house was well filled. Professor William Smyth addressed the meeting at some length, reviewing the action of the former meeting, and taking strong ground in favor of free speech. Professor William Smyth, Doctor James McKeen, and Major Nahum Perkins were appointed a committee to prepare business for the meeting. They reported the following resolution:—

“*Resolved*, That freedom of thought and of speech is the natural right of every human being; and that our Federal Constitution sacredly guarantees its protection to every citizen of this Republic.”

Brief remarks were made by John M. O'Brien, Esquire, in favor of the resolution. He was followed by Mr. Coddington, who addressed the meeting at some length. A vote was then taken upon the resolution, which was almost unanimous in its favor. Resolutions were then passed, that while the meeting would express no opinion either for or against the principles and measures of the Abolitionists, that they have a perfect right to hold and utter and defend their sentiments, and “that as good citizens they should patiently bear with each others' supposed mistakes and errors, not doubting but, in the end, from the collision of mind with mind in open, fair, and manly discussion, the truth on every important subject will shine forth clear as the noonday, commanding the united assent of all.”

A public meeting was held October 20, 1853, at the Congregational Vestry, to consider the importance of ornamenting the village with shade trees. Doctor Isaac Lincoln, Charles J. Gilman, John L. Swift, Hugh McClellan, George W. Carlton, Joseph McKeen, Jr., Valentine G. Colby, Francis Owen, William M. Hall, and Augustus C. Robbins were chosen a committee to obtain the necessary funds and to superintend the transplanting of trees throughout the village. One hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixty-one cents was raised and paid out for transplanting trees, etc. Thirty cents was the average price paid for the trees.

On Saturday, June 14, 1856, a public meeting of the citizens of Brunswick and Topsham was held, to give expression to the feelings of these communities in regard to the wanton attack on Senator Sumner by Representative Preston C. Brooks in the Senate Chamber in Congress. The meeting was called to order by Doctor Isaac Lincoln. Reverend Leonard Woods, D. D., was chosen to preside. Speeches were made by President Leonard Woods, Honorable Charles J. Gil-

man, Ebenezer Everett, Esquire, and Reverend Mr. Jaquis. and an address given by Reverend John S. C. Abbott. Spirited resolutions were offered by Professor William Smyth, which were unanimously passed. The meeting was a large and earnest one.

The question of petitioning for a city charter began to be agitated by the citizens of Brunswick in the latter part of the year 1857. On January 7, 1858, a meeting of citizens was held at McLellan's Hall to consider the matter. The meeting voted that the citizens of the village ought to apply for a charter, and Daniel Elliott, A. G. Tenney, and A. C. Robbins were elected a Committee of Correspondence in regard to the matter. Ebenezer Everett, Joseph McKeen, Richard Greenleaf, Benjamin Furbish, and Charles J. Noyes were chosen a committee to draft a charter to be presented to the legislature.

A second meeting was held January 26. A. G. Tenney, Daniel Elliott, Benjamin Furbish, A. B. Thompson, and Thomas Skolfield were elected a committee to obtain signers to a petition. The meeting agreed to accept the whole town in the petition for a charter instead of the village, if it was generally desired.

A third meeting was held February 13th, at which it was voted to embrace the whole town in a petition for a charter if the town would so vote.

A charter was granted by the legislature, to take effect if accepted by the whole town at its first meeting. It was not accepted by the town.

From 1861 to 1865 inclusive, nearly all the public meetings held hereabouts had reference to the civil war then going on. The first one of which any record has been preserved was held at White's Hall, in Topsham, on April 23, 1861. It was to encourage the raising of a company of volunteers. Francis Adams, Esquire, was chosen chairman, and Sanford A. Perkins, clerk. Speeches were made by Reverend Amos D. Wheeler, D. D., Reverend George Knox, and others. Captain Edward W. Thompson marched over with his company of Brunswick Volunteers, and addressed the meeting. William Whitten, George A. Rogers, and Francis T. Littlefield were chosen a committee to solicit subscriptions, and two hundred dollars was subscribed on the spot. Some patriotic resolutions were also adopted.

On May 2, a meeting was held in Brunswick, at which a beautiful silk flag was presented to the Brunswick Volunteers by Mrs. Arabella Greenleaf, in behalf of the ladies of the town. Captain Thompson responded for the company.

A meeting was held in the depot, in Brunswick, on the afternoon of

October 17, and another on the evening of the same day, at which speeches were made by Colonel L. D. M. Sweat, and C. C. Woodman, Esquire, of Portland, Honorable Charles J. Gilman, of Brunswick, and J. T. Gilman, of Bath.

On the nineteenth of July, 1862, a meeting was held at the depot in Brunswick, which was opened with a prayer by Reverend George E. Adams. Speeches were made by Professors Whittlesey and Chamberlain, of Bowdoin College, and by General Oliver O. Howard, U. S. A.

July 25 a meeting was held at McLellan's Hall, and speeches were made by Honorable Charles J. Gilman, Professors Chamberlain and Whittlesey, Reverend Doctor Ballard, John M. O'Brien, Esquire, and J. T. Magrath, of Bowdoin College.

On the 29th a meeting was also held, at which speeches were made by Reverend Doctor Ballard, J. M. O'Brien, Esquire, Reverend Doctor Tenney, of Ellsworth, Reverend Doctor Adams, A. G. Tenney, and by a Mr. Temple, of Bowdoin College.

Another meeting of the same kind was held August 30, at which speeches were made by John M. O'Brien, Esquire, and A. G. Tenney.

September 1, a meeting was held in the meeting-house at Grows-town, where speeches were made by Honorable Charles J. Gilman and A. G. Tenney.

On the next day two meetings were held, — one in the afternoon, in the Baptist Meeting-House at New Meadows, at which speeches were made by Charlton C. Lewis, of New York, and by Honorable Charles J. Gilman; the other was held in the evening at McLellan's Hall, and was addressed by Honorable Josiah H. Drummond, and J. T. Gilman, Esquire, of Portland, and by Reverend Mr. Rugg, of Bath.

On September 8, 1863, there was a public meeting at the Brunswick depot, which was addressed by Honorable F. O. J. Smith, of Portland, on the unconstitutionality of the Conscription Act. This could with more propriety be termed an *anti-war* meeting.

In January, 1864, a meeting of citizens was held at the Congregational Vestry in Brunswick, in favor of giving aid to the freedmen. Several speeches were made, and a committee was appointed to solicit aid. They issued circulars in regard to this object, and reported subsequently that they had received and forwarded to the Freedman's Bureau eleven boxes of clothing, the estimated value of which was \$1,000.

Several meetings were held in the summer of 1865, in Topsham, for the purpose of taking action in relation to offering inducements to the trustees of the State Agricultural College to locate that institution



in Topsham. Sufficient funds were obtained, but the trustees deemed it expedient to locate the college at Orono.

In 1866, some time in July, a meeting of the citizens of Brunswick was held to take measures for furnishing aid to the sufferers by the Portland fire. A relief committee was chosen, and supplies and money were sent by it to the city authorities.

Doubtless many other meetings of the citizens of these towns have been held besides those which are here mentioned. Some others are mentioned in other connections, and there are some, doubtless, of which no record has been found.

That our citizens have always been eminent for their cultivation of the moral and social virtues, no less than for their zeal for improvement in knowledge, is evident from the attention they gave to the formation of

#### ASSOCIATIONS,

The number of which, of various kinds and for various purposes, in Brunswick and vicinity, formed from time to time during the present century, is so large as to admit of but brief mention in these pages.

**AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL ASSOCIATIONS.**—The earliest association of this kind was the **MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION**, of Brunswick, which was formed August 8, 1842. The first officers were, James Derby, president; Benjamin Furbish, vice-president; Theodore S. McLellan, secretary; Ezra Drew, treasurer. The object of the society was "the promotion of business and the improvement of intellect."

On April 14, 1854, the **SAGADAHOE AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** was incorporated. Though not a town society, it is mentioned here because all its buildings and grounds are situated in Topsham, and most of its meetings have been held there. The first meeting of this society was held in Bath, at the City Hall, July 1, 1854. At this meeting a code of by-laws was adopted and permanent officers elected, and the meeting then adjourned to the tenth of August following. At this latter meeting it was voted to hold a fair that autumn, at such time and place as the executive officers of the society might determine. Some of the principal officers, however, declined serving, and no fair was held that season. The society held its meetings annually at Bath for several years, but had, at first, a hard struggle for existence. In 1855 Mr. Francis T. Purinton, of Topsham, was elected its president. Though not nominally, yet in reality, he was the first person to serve in that capacity. In the

autumn of 1855 the society held its first fair in the old town-house in Topsham, and Reverend Amos D. Wheeler, of that town, delivered an address. The exhibition was a marked success. Since then annual exhibitions have been held, and the condition of the society has steadily improved. It now ranks among the very best of the agricultural societies in the State. It owns upwards of nineteen acres of land, a large two-story building, in which the exhibitions are held, a dining-hall, stable, and other buildings. The society is free from debt, and has a large membership.

September 19, 1774, a grange of THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY was organized at Topsham, and about the same time one was organized in Brunswick. Both are in a flourishing condition.

#### CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

The oldest association for charitable and social purposes is UNITED LODGE, No. 8, OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS. The charter for this lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, December 14, 1801. The charter members were Jacob Brown, William Fairfield, James Rogers, Daniel Holden, Ziba Eaton, Samuel Snow, Jonathan Snow, David Patterson, James McLellan, and Joshua Emery. The first master was Jacob Brown.

The lodge was established in Topsham, holding its first meeting under the charter, February 20, 1802, at the house of Mr. Gideon Walker. The record furnishes no clew as to the exact place of meeting after that above mentioned, it simply reading "Mason's Hall"; and although a committee was raised at the first meeting "for the purpose of hiring a hall and furnishing furniture, clothing, etc.," no record of the report of that committee is found. In 1804 a committee was chosen to "draw a draft" (for a new hall), and on February 12, 1805, it was "voted that there be a committee chosen for the purpose of making all the necessary arrangements for building a Masonic Hall and to carry the same into effect."

On May 27, 1806, a committee was chosen to complete a Masonic Hall, and September 23, 1806, it was "voted that the secretary be empowered to subscribe five shares for United Lodge for the purpose of building a hall"; and the new hall was dedicated January 1, 1807. The lodge was evidently not at that time full owner of the hall, as a vote passed March 17, 1807, provides "that the lodge take all individual shares and pay for them, when the lodge is in capacity to do the same." This hall was in the building now known as the Franklin Family School. Several public displays are recorded while the lodge

was located in Topsham. On June 24, 1806, the Festival of St. John the Baptist, a "procession formed (under direction of David Patterson, as marshal, and moved to Mr. Daniel Owen's hall, at Brunswick, where thirty-one Masons, together with five musicians, dined and then returned."

On June 24, 1808, the Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated by United Lodge and Solar Lodge of Bath. Jacob Herrick delivered an address at the new meeting-house in Brunswick.

In 1810 the question of moving the lodge to Brunswick was considered, and in 1814 it was voted to petition the Grand Lodge for permission to remove it. The answer to this petition was as follows;—

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
JUNE 10, A. L. 5816.

"On the petition of the officers and members of the United Lodge, situated at Topsham, voted that United Lodge have leave to remove from the town of Topsham to the town of Brunswick, of which the officers and members will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

"JOHN FOLEY, *Grand Secretary.*"

"BOSTON, June 29, A. L. 5816."

The above is a correct copy of the indorsement on the charter.

On June 24, 1816, a procession being formed, the lodge was joined by the officers and members of Freeport and Solar Lodges, and by the District Deputy Grand Master Oliver Bray, Esquire. The procession, preceded by a band of music, marched to the meeting-house in Brunswick, where an oration was delivered by Robert Pinckney Dunlap. The procession was again formed, moved to Washington Hall, and partook of a bountiful dinner provided by Robert Eastman. The lodge did not return to Topsham, but met in Washington Hall, from this date until January 16, 1817, when a new hall, on Mason Street, was dedicated. Only Masonic visitors were present at this ceremony. Robert P. Dunlap delivered an oration, and the fraternity afterwards "partook of a sumptuous dinner" at the house of the master, Doctor Jonathan Page. In January, 1822, this lodge was incorporated into a body politic, "with all the privileges usually granted to other societies, instituted for purposes of charity and beneficence." In the year 1844 the Masonic Hall was enlarged and refurnished at considerable expense. This hall was over the Mason Street School-house, and the whole building (and land) was in 1872 sold to the town for an engine-house. The lodge moved from the



hall on Mason Street, October 3, 1872, into spacious rooms in the third story of the new building, known as "Lemont Block," on the corner of Maine and Pleasant Streets.<sup>1</sup>

The following anecdote comes in naturally in this connection. Early in the century a man came to Brunswick, who claimed that he was a Free Mason when he was not one. The deception was at once detected, but a few of the members of that fraternity determined to have some sport with the man, and at the same time give him a lesson that would be likely in future to deter him from attempting to gain a clandestine admission into other lodges. He was told that it was the custom of the Masons there to initiate all strangers before admitting them to the lodge, and that no exception could be made in his case. He consented to submit to the ordeal, and a room over Schwartkins's shop was at once prepared for the ceremony. The details of the initiation have not been preserved, but it is known that he was anointed with *water* in such quantity that it ran down through the floor on to the table at which Schwartkins and his family were at dinner. After the ceremony was finished the candidate was asked whether it was similar to what he had previously experienced when he was admitted to the fraternity. He replied, "It resembles it some, but you use a great deal more water here."

THE BRUNSWICK HUMANE SOCIETY was organized May 2, 1820. This was, as its name would indicate, a benevolent society, its object being to make gratuitous provision for the sick and destitute, of bedding and clothing, as far as it was able; and to assist such destitute children as manifested a desire to attend the Sabbath school, with suitable clothing. The meetings of the society were held at the residences of members. During the first year there were weekly meetings at which the time was occupied in making or repairing such garments as they were able to procure for the above purposes. After the first year the meetings were less frequent.

In March, 1822, the society contributed clothing, bedding, etc., "to students who had suffered in consequence of the fire on March 4." and it was at this time voted "that the sum of thirty dollars be delivered to Reverend William Allen to be expended in such articles as he shall judge proper for indigent students."

The last meeting recorded was held October 30, 1834.

During its existence this society did a good work in relieving the wants of the poor and adding to the comfort of the sick.

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<sup>1</sup> For the foregoing account we are indebted to Ira P. Booker and to L. H. Storer, Secretary of United Lodge.

THE PEJEPSCOT LODGE, No. 13, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, was chartered May 2, 1844, and was instituted June 13, of the same year. The charter members were Giles Bailey, John S. Cushing, John D. Coburn, Leonard P. Merrill, William H. Morse, and Horatio Hall.

The first officers were, John S. Cushing, N. G. ; Wm. H. Morse, V. G. ; Jos. Lunt, 2d, T. ; L. P. Merrill, Sec.

A hall was leased for five years of John S. Cushing, over his store on the corner of Maine and Pleasant Streets. It was neatly and elegantly furnished. The carpets, drapery, curtains, etc., were of the best material, and the regalia compared favorably with any in the State. There were forty-two members the first year, and in 1849 the number had increased to eighty-six. In December of that year the hall, which the lodge had occupied for five years and six months, was destroyed by fire together with its contents, including nearly all of the books and papers belonging to the lodge.

After the fire, the lodge held its meetings in a room over the store on the corner of Maine and Lincoln Streets, now A. T. Campbell's store.

The lodge did not flourish after the fire as it had done previously, and the number of its members grew less each year, and finally, in 1858, the charter was surrendered. From that year until 1875, there was no lodge of Odd Fellows in Brunswick.

In the fall of 1875 the old lodge was revived, and on the evening of October 6 there was a public installation of officers. Grand Master Stone was the installing officer, and the following were installed officers of the lodge, Frank Johnson, Noble Grand ; Ed. Beaumont, Vice-Grand ; R. B. Melcher, R. S. ; W. F. Tyler, P. S. ; E. T. Gatchell, Treasurer.

THE LADIES' SOLDIERS AID SOCIETY was organized September 16, 1862. It lasted during the civil war. In 1863 a series of public tableaux was given by it for the purpose of raising funds.

#### LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

Of the numerous associations of a literary and scientific character, which have existed in either of the three towns, the NUCLEUS CLUB, of Brunswick and Topsham, deservedly takes the highest rank. It was instituted April 7, 1820, and existed under the name of the Nucleus Club until about 1832, when its name was changed to that of the *Brunswick and Topsham Athenæum*, and

under that name it flourished for some years longer, when it was disbanded.

In the year 1830 the constitution, by-laws, and rules of the club were printed, together with a list of its members at that time.

The exercises at the regular meetings of the club were a discussion of a subject which had been proposed, and accepted by the club, at a previous meeting, a lecture, dissertation, or such other performance as may have been provided for by the superintending committee or by the by-laws.

On the evening of each anniversary an address was delivered by the president, and a poem or dissertation by some member, previously appointed by the club for the purpose.

The by-laws provided for "a superintending committee," whose duty it was to select subjects and assign them to different members for discussion; to procure lecturers; purchase apparatus; and to have the general superintendence of all matters not otherwise provided for.

Standing committees were also chosen annually, for the consideration of the subjects mentioned in the list given below. The club possessed quite a large library, which was procured by purchase and by donations. When the club disbanded the books were distributed by lot among the members.

The following is a list of the officers and committees in 1830: —

John C. Humphreys, *President*; James Cary, *Vice-President*; Francis D. Cushing, *Secretary*; ———, *Librarian*.

*Library Committee*. — A. B. Thompson, John Coburn.

*Superintending Committee*. — Ebenezer Everett, John Coburn, Wm. Smyth, Charles Weld, John McKeen, Samuel P. Newman, Alpheus S. Packard, Elijah P. Pike, and Abner B. Thompson.

*On Chemistry*. — Parker Cleaveland, Geo. E. Adams, Geo. W. Holden, A. S. Packard, and Joseph McKeen.

*Political Economy and Civil Polity*. — Robert P. Dunlap, S. P. Newman, C. Packard, R. T. Dunlap, M. E. Woodman, S. Veazie, C. Thompson, and P. O. Alden.

*Literature and Belles-Lettres*. — S. P. Newman, E. Everett, and R. P. Dunlap.

*Banking and a Circulating Medium*. — E. Everett, Thos. G. Sandford, N. Hinkley, N. Perkins, and A. B. Thompson.

*Electricity and Magnetism*. — Wm. Smyth, I. Lincoln, James McKeen, and L. T. Jackson.

*Navigation and Commerce*. — A. B. Thompson, S. Veazie, W. Frost, John Dunlap, and N. Hinkley.



*Astronomy.* — C. Weld and James McKeen.

*Agriculture.* — David Dunlap, John McKeen, Nath. Dunning, and G. W. Holden.

*Subjects connected with the Business and future Prospects of the Villages of Brunswick and Topsham.* — John Coburn, J. C. Humphreys, F. D. Cushing, Dennis Gillett, J. S. Cushing, R. Forsaith, C. Waterhouse, John Owen, and Jos. Dunning,

*Mathematics and Surveying.* — E. P. Pike, Wm. Smyth, and R. D. Dunning.

*Hydrostatics and Mechanics.* — P. Cleaveland, J. Cary, Joseph Griffin, N. Houghton, L. T. Jackson, J. W. Moore, L. T. Cushing, J. R. Larrabee, H. M. Prescott, J. Stinchfield, and E. P. Pike.

*Public Schools.* — John McKeen, Geo. E. Adams, N. Perkins, Asa Dodge, and J. B. Cleaveland.

*Roads and Canals.* — Charles Packard, John Coburn, Joseph McKeen, M. E. Woodman, and C. Thompson.

*History.* — A. S. Packard and C. Weld.

THE PYTHONIAN SOCIETY was organized in January, 1825. Its object was debating, composition, and friendly and social intercourse. Only persons desirous of cultivating literary tastes by reading and discussions were invited to join. Dissertations were required from each member in turn.

Its anniversary was observed every year in January, at which time officers were chosen, and an address delivered by the president; sometimes there was also a poem; and always a supper.

The society had a small but select library, which was distributed among its members when it was disbanded, which was about 1853, having had an existence for upwards of twenty-five years.

The average membership was small, perhaps fifteen or sixteen. We are unable to give a list of its members, but it is worthy of remark that John S. Cushing was a member for upwards of twenty-five years, he having joined it the first year of its existence and continued an active member until he removed from town in 1852. The constitution, by-laws, and a list of members of this organization were once printed, but no copy has been obtained and it is doubtful whether one now exists.

In the winter of 1829-30 the BRUNSWICK LYCEUM was formed. It originated in the following manner. The Washington Fire Club had been accustomed to hold its annual meeting and to have an address delivered, in the winter season. This year the address was by Professor A. S. Packard, on the organization and importance of lyceums.

This address was favorably received, and the club voted to call a meeting of the citizens to hear the address and to consider the propriety of forming a lyceum. A meeting was held in the Universalist Church on Federal Street (now Dirigo Hall, on Gilman Avenue), and a lyceum was formed. Committees were chosen to provide dissertations or essays on the particular subjects of which they had charge. Several lectures were given, but the society lasted only for a short time.

THE BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM ATHENÆUM was the *Nucleus Club* under a different name. It received this name about 1832. This society was in existence in 1836, but no later reference to it has been found. At a meeting of this society in May, 1833, a committee was chosen to inquire into the practicability of building a railway from Brunswick to the tide waters in Casco Bay.

In November, 1842, the BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM LYCEUM SOCIETY was formed. It was in existence in 1845, perhaps later. The society not only provided lectures, but public discussions were held by it in the Maine Street Baptist Church in Brunswick.

THE CASTALIAN SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK was in existence in 1845. Nothing more is known concerning it. The name would indicate that its object was to encourage a taste for poetry.

THE BRUNSWICK LINNÆAN SOCIETY, organized in May, 1845, was formed at the suggestion of Professor Cleaveland, the object being to "acquire a systematic knowledge of natural history." Meetings were held once a week at the residences of its members. At each meeting a dissertation was read by some member, and various subjects were analyzed. During the summer, botany was the subject of study. At other times, ornithology, conchology, entomology, ichthyology, meteorology, mammalogy, physiology, and geology.

In the summer, excursions were made. July 1, 1846, the society went to Harpswell Island to visit a grove of the mountain laurel. The next summer an excursion was made to Merrymeeting Bay, in the steamer "Rough and Ready." Other excursions were made at different times to localities of interest in the vicinity.

Each anniversary was observed in a fitting manner. The first by an excursion and picnic to Harpswell Island. The second by a social meeting, with invited friends, at Common's Hall, at which an oration was delivered by W. G. Barrows, a poem by G. F. Dunning, and an original ode by A. W. Knight. Upon the third anniversary a social gathering was held at the Brunswick Seminary, an oration was delivered by H. K. Craig, and a poem by A. W. Knight.

In 1848 a number of lectures were delivered before the society (not

public) by Professor Cleaveland, G. C. Swallow, A. W. Knight, Oliver Stevens, S. J. Humphrey, L. P. Merrill, W. G. Barrows, and Doctor J. D. Lincoln.

The society flourished until the spring of 1849 (a period of four years), when it was "voted not to assign any regular parts during the summer, but to come together in a social way once a fortnight and occasionally for a walk." Meetings were thus held for a short time, when they ceased altogether.

The average membership of the society was from twenty-five to thirty.

A TOWN HISTORY AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY was organized in Brunswick, March 30, 1870, by the choice of A. G. Tenney, chairman, and John Furbish, secretary. Apart from creating an interest in its members for the objects for which it was formed, this society resulted in a failure.

Debating societies and lyceums of minor importance have also existed in various parts of each of these towns, but they do not call for particular mention here.

#### MUSICAL SOCIETIES.

The first musical society in this vicinity was the HAYDEN SOCIETY, formed about 1825.

This was followed in 1829 by the MOZART SOCIETY. This society was formed for the cultivation of musical tastes and for social intercourse. Its meetings were held at the Tontine Hotel, Maine Hotel, and at Robert Orr's office. It embraced members from Topsham as well as from Brunswick. Robert Orr, General Abner B. Thompson, James McKeen, M. D., John H. Thompson, and Benjamin Denuison are known to have been members.

About 1844 the BRUNSWICK BRASS BAND was formed. It was probably the earliest band formed in this vicinity. It consisted of fifteen members and was in existence five or six years. William R. Field, Jr., was the leader during the last year of its existence.

The musical organizations of a later date have been too numerous to admit of mention here.

#### MORAL ASSOCIATIONS.

In 1826 the PEACE SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK was organized. It continued in existence for seven years, perhaps longer. Nothing has been ascertained in regard to its membership or its meetings.

March 20, 1838, the TOPSHAM ANTISLAVERY SOCIETY was organ-



ized. James McKeen, M. D., was elected president; David Scribner, vice-president; and Joseph Barron, secretary. The whole number of members was fifty-eight. Their constitution required them to meet quarterly for the purpose of discussing the subject of slavery.

About 1845 the LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF BRUNSWICK was formed. Nothing has been ascertained in regard to this society, but judging from its name, it was probably a political society.

#### PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

The earliest society of this kind, not including insurance companies, etc., which appear in another connection, was the BRUNSWICK WATCH ASSOCIATION. This was an organization of citizens voluntarily associated together to secure the village against fire during the winter season, when it was difficult to obtain water. At that time, there being no suction hose, the engines had to be filled by buckets.

The association was formed January 14, 1826, a meeting of citizens being called for this purpose. At this meeting Joseph McKeen, Parker Cleaveland, Caleb Cushing, Richard T. Dunlap, Abner B. Thompson, and Benj. Weld were chosen a committee to prepare a system of rules for regulating the watch. They reported, and the association adopted, the following

#### BY-LAWS FOR THE WATCH.

1. "The watch for each night shall consist of four citizens, two of whom shall remain at the place of rendezvous, while the other two are out upon duty.

2. "The watch shall so divide themselves every night, that each half shall perform duty in that part of the village in which they reside, so far as this may be practicable.

3. "The watch shall make *five* rounds of the village during the night, the rounds commencing at *ten o'clock, half past eleven, one o'clock, half past two, and four o'clock.*

4. "Each round shall be divided into two parts, viz., *one part*, commencing at the place of rendezvous, shall proceed up Main Street to the Academy, thence returning by the meeting-house to the store of Joseph McKeen, Esquire, pass through Cross Street to Federal Street, thence down the same to School Street, through that to Pleasant Street, proceeding up that street to the house of Captain John A. Dunning, and thence return to the place of rendezvous.

"The *other part*, commencing at the same place of rendezvous, shall

proceed down Main Street to the bridge, thence through Bow Street to Mill Street, and up that street to the house of Mr. B. Wells, thence back through Mill Street to Main Street, thence through Mason Street to Federal Street, up that street to the house of Mr. C. Waterhouse, thence back through Centre Street to Main Street, and thence to the place of rendezvous.

5. "The watch will proceed on their rounds without causing any unnecessary noise or disturbance to the inhabitants. In case of *fire* they will give the most prompt and effectual alarm.

6. "One member of the committee, in the afore-mentioned order of their names, will superintend the watch, as expressed in the sub-joined list of the watch.

7. "Every member of the association who may be necessarily prevented from watching in his turn, shall furnish a suitable substitute, who, if not a member of the association, shall be approved by the committee for the week, or instead thereof, he shall pay the sum of one dollar; and the name of the substitute shall be presented, or the money paid to the committee for the week, as early as twelve o'clock of the day preceding his turn to watch.

8. "Each watchman, when out on duty, shall carry a watch-pole; and the poles during the day shall be deposited at the place of rendezvous, together with lanterns, to be used when necessary.

9. "The names of those who may be delinquent, or fail to comply with the by-laws established, shall be communicated by the committee to the association at the close of the season."

The by-laws were printed in sheet form, together with the "Order of the Watch," which gave the names of the members and the dates upon which they were expected to watch. The place of rendezvous was, at first, the counting-room of Farrin & Dunning. In 1827 it was at Barker and Rogers's Inn.

The Executive Committee in 1826 were:—

Joseph McKeen, Parker Cleaveland, Caleb Cushing, Richard T. Dunlap, Abner B. Thompson, Benjamin Weld. The association contained at that time one hundred and thirty-one members, some of whom were professors in college, and nearly all of whom were amongst the most esteemed citizens of the town.

The expense of the watch was paid by voluntary subscription the first year, but afterwards it was assessed by the committee upon the citizens, according to the amount of property they had exposed to fire. Hot coffee, bread, butter, cheese, and cold meats were furnished the watch at midnight. The watch-poles which were carried by the

watchmen were about three feet long, with a hook at one end. The poles were used to walk with, and the hooks were used to catch into the clothing of any culprit who sought to escape from the watch by running.

A "Watch Book" was kept at the rendezvous, in which the watch each morning recorded any interesting event which occurred during the night. A book containing the records from January 1st to March 31st, 1827, is the only one we have been able to find. It contains no record of historical value, but has much of a humorous character, as the following extracts will show:—

"January 6th. Nothing material happened during the night. Found one light in a dangerous position (viz. at the head of a bed in a chair); two fires badly taken care of, and some courting on hand, people up late."

"January 30th. On the fifth watch saw a young man returning home from particular business. Detained him awhile, demanded his business for being out so late; he gave us good satisfaction; we let him go by paying one bottle of wine."

"February 15th. First round, half past twelve o'clock, met Hannah S. and Geo. W., all was well."

"March 4th. One thing is deserving of particular notice, viz., not a hundred rods distant a fine lady was observed to be sitting in the lap of a fine gentleman, and as our respected major and squire would say, 'all as fine as silk.'"

The watch was continued for several winters and then given up.

In 1849 a similar watch was established upon a modified plan. John M. Hall was appointed superintendent of the watch. The watch for each night consisted of six citizens, who were divided into three parties of two each, and it was so arranged that four persons were on the watch at all times through the night until daylight.

The watch was discontinued at the end of the season and was not afterwards revived.

In 1852 and 1853 a watch, consisting of six citizens appointed each night by the justices of the peace and selectmen, was kept in Brunswick. The chamber of the engine-house on Pleasant Street was used as the watch-room, where the watch met at nine o'clock each evening and organized themselves for the night.

#### TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES AND TEMPERANCE REFORM.

The first movement toward the suppression of intemperance in this vicinity, and possibly as early a movement as any of the kind in the State (then District) of Maine, was in the year 1813.



On the second day of April of that year a society was formed under the title of THE BRUNSWICK, TOPSHAM, AND HARPSWELL SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF INTÉMPERANCE. The constitution of this society at first limited its exertions to the single object of restraining intemperance, but by an amendment adopted at its first anniversary in 1814, it was provided that the efforts of the society should also be directed against other immoralities.

The following extracts from the constitution, as published in 1814, will show the character of the organization and the nature of its work:—

“Article 2. The object of this society is the suppression of vice and immorality, and the encouragement of reformation and virtue. The accomplishment of this design is to be sought by admonition and persuasion, and by promoting a faithful execution of the laws.”

Article 7 provided for a “Board of Council.” Among the duties of this board were the following: “To make communications to other similar societies; to receive communications from them; to collect, combine, and digest facts and general information relating to the general purposes of the society; to devise ways and means for the furtherance of these purposes, and at each annual meeting to report to the society their doings; a digest of the facts and general information which they may have collected, and such measures as they may judge suitable for the society to adopt and pursue.”

The eighth article provided that each member of the society should make it an object to discountenance and prevent as far as may be, by his own example and influence, every kind of vice and immorality.

April 27, 1814, Professor Cleaveland delivered an address before the society. A copy of the constitution and a copy of Prof. Cleaveland's address may be found in the library of the Maine Historical Society.

That there was need enough of a movement in favor of temperance at this period is evident from a statement made by a competent person, of the amount of spirits of various kinds that were sold in Brunswick between November 1, 1826, and November 5, 1830. From this statement it appears that in 1826 more than 12,000 gallons of liquor were sold. In 1830, owing to the temperance reform, the amount had been lessened one half.

The second temperance movement commenced in Brunswick about the year 1826. The subject was brought before the people by a lecture on temperance by some gentleman from Massachusetts. Some of the citizens of the place became interested in the subject, foremost amongst whom was Professor Packard, then a young man. The first

movement made after the lecture mentioned above was the meeting together of the traders of the village to consult on measures for promoting temperance in Brunswick. This meeting was held at the old stage-house kept by Russell Stoddard, and consisted of all the grocers, tavern-keepers, and victuallers in the village. Various plans were discussed, but, about the close of the meeting, one of the oldest traders arose and submitted a plan and resolution. The resolution was as follows:—

“*Resolved*, That hereafter the retailers of spirits in this village charge four cents per glass and six cents per gill for all New England rum drank in their places of business, instead of three cents per glass and five cents per gill, as heretofore; and be it further resolved, that we add one cent per glass and one cent per gill to the price of all other liquors sold at our places of business.”

This resolution was probably not adopted, as it is said that the patrons of this trader found much fault with him, complaining that he had always made more profit by his sales than the other traders, because when he drew his liquors for them “he placed his large thumb in the measure so that they did not get more than three fourths as much for a glassful as they did at other stores.” A good way, surely, of compelling men to drink moderately!

The lecture and meeting referred to did good by attracting attention to the subject, though no real measures were taken to prevent the spread of intemperance. In 1828 the surveyors of highways were instructed by the town of Brunswick to use no ardent spirits at the expense of the town. It is extremely doubtful, though, whether this vote was due so much to the growth of a temperance sentiment in town as it was to a desire for retrenchment of expenses.

The second organization for the purpose of promoting a temperance reform was known as THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK. It was organized on the twenty-third of November, 1830. The fundamental article of its constitution, or “the pledge,” was as follows:—

“We agree that we will not drink ardent spirits, nor furnish them for others to drink, except when they are prescribed by a temperate physician as an indispensable medicine.”

The society was at first quite small, there being in January, 1831, only twenty-seven members. The number soon after increased to eighty, and in the year 1835 there was a total membership of four hundred and sixty. Many of the members were so liberal in their interpretation of the pledge as to suppose they might drink wine or strong beer without violating it, and as a natural consequence, after

a while, they disregarded the pledge altogether. Others, however, adhered firmly to their pledge, and remained ever after strictly temperate men. The society continued in existence until about 1842. Those, however, who adhered strictly to the spirit of the pledge had previously left the ranks and joined other organizations. It is said of those who remained that it was customary with them to drink wine at their meetings. However that may be, it is a matter of record that the Washington Temperance Society, in 1841, requested the clergymen of Brunswick not to take up any contribution in their meetings for the old temperance society, on account of the bad influence of its example.

We have been unable to find any records of the society, and cannot, therefore, give a list of its officers or any of its transactions. A copy of the pledge, containing one hundred and thirty-five names, is in our possession. Among the signers are the names of professors, clergymen, lawyers, physicians, and other prominent men as well as those of humbler citizens. The names contained in this list were obtained as early as 1833, possibly earlier.

In 1834 the BRUNSWICK TOTAL ABSTINENCE AND CHARITABLE SOCIETY was in existence and was probably organized that year.

In 1835 the YOUNG MEN'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, of Brunswick, and the TEMPERANCE SOCIETY OF BOWDOIN COLLEGE, were formed. There was also one other in addition to those already mentioned as formed in 1830 and 1834, making five temperance societies in existence in Brunswick at this time. From the "Annual Report of the Directors of the Cumberland County Temperance Society" we obtain the names of all the officers of these five societies, but no clew is given as to which society a given set of officers belongs.

Of one society Doctor S. P. Cushman was the president, and Professor A. S. Packard the secretary. Of another, Reverend George Lamb was president, and James Elliot, secretary. Elder John Bailey was the president, and Jonathan Snow the secretary, of a third. Of another, Ezekiel Thompson was the president. Of the last, John S. Grows was the president, and Samuel Holbrook the secretary. The total membership of the five societies numbered nine hundred and thirty-four.

About this time, as early at least as 1836, the TOPSHAM TEMPERANCE SOCIETY was formed. This was the first society of the kind amongst the people of that town, with the exception of the one formed in 1813, which included citizens of several towns.

THE WASHINGTON TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY OF TOPSHAM was



formed on the seventh of June, 1841. In November of the following year, there were one hundred and thirty-three members. Meetings were held weekly, and a good degree of interest was manifested. The officers, in 1842, were Samuel W. Swett, president; Nathaniel Quint, vice-president; Charles J. Harris, secretary; Cyrus M. Purington, treasurer and collector; E. Sawyer, Charles Barron, and Henry C. Haynes, prudential committee. We have been unable to obtain any further information regarding this society.

THE WASHINGTON TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK was formed on Wednesday, June 16, 1841, fourteen persons affixing their names to the pledge. From this small beginning the society gradually increased in numbers, and in May, 1842, there were five hundred and eighty members. The officers chosen at the time of the organization of the society were General John C. Humphreys, president; Moses Towns, vice-president; George W. Carleton, secretary; Colonel A. J. Stone, treasurer.

Weekly meetings were held, at first, in the "Red School-House" on School Street, afterwards in Humphreys Hall, and still later (in 1842) in Washington Hall, in the old tavern which stood on the site of the present post-office and engine-house.

During the first year the society held occasional public meetings, at which addresses upon temperance were made and the pledge offered for signatures. One of these meetings was held in the Congregational Church, and was addressed by William H. Hawkins, of Baltimore. After the address *one hundred and one* persons came forward and signed the pledge of total abstinence. Meetings were also held at New Meadows and Growstown, and in Harpswell, Freeport, and other towns in the vicinity, under the direction of delegations from the Brunswick society.

The society decided by a *unanimous* vote that moral suasion and not coercion should be the method by which its members should seek to reform the intemperate and to prevent the sale of ardent spirits.

On the twenty-second of February, 1842, Washington's birthday was celebrated by a public meeting which was addressed by Reverend George E. Adams and Reverend Mr. Hillman, after which the society partook of a supper at Washington Hall. Dean Swift furnished an appropriate banner.

On the fourth of March, 1842, Reverend Mr. Thompson delivered an address before the society at the Congregational Church, the members marching in procession to the church, escorted by Captain Newman's company of militia.

The society existed for several years, precisely how many we are unable to state.

In 1841 the selectmen of Brunswick voted not to license any innholders, "unless they pledge themselves in writing, in the most solemn and positive manner, that they will not keep liquors in or about their premises to sell or to give away." They were also, at the annual meeting of the town, directed to prosecute all persons selling liquors without a license. They were led to the adoption of these measures in consequence of the growth of the sentiment in favor of temperance reform which was promoted by the temperance organizations.

THE MARTHA WASHINGTON SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK was organized on the seventeenth of March, 1842. A number of ladies, feeling the importance of aiding the cause of temperance, met at that time and formed a society. Meetings were held once a fortnight. In July following the society numbered two hundred and seventy-five members.

The society not only labored for the reformation of the intemperate, but rendered substantial relief to worthy destitute families.

THE YOUNG MEN'S WASHINGTONIAN SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK was, as its name would imply, an association of young men for the promotion of the cause of temperance. It was formed in April, 1843. The officers at that time were M. B. Bartlett, president; C. P. Stetson, vice-president; A. W. Knight, secretary; and E. A. Dunlap, treasurer.

In 1845 the TRUE WASHINGTONIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY OF TOPSHAM was formed. Nothing more than this fact has been ascertained in regard to it. It was probably formed by those who, though temperate, could not conscientiously join a strictly total-abstinence society.

In 1846 the popular feeling in regard to temperance had become sufficiently powerful to enable the town of Brunswick at its annual meeting to pass the following resolve:—

"*Resolved*, That the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage is injurious and unnecessary, and that, therefore, said traffic ought to cease; that the selectmen be directed to take all legal measures for its suppression in this town, and that in so doing the town will sustain them."

On the seventeenth of February of this year a public temperance meeting was held in Brunswick, at which a committee, consisting of sixty-three prominent citizens of the town, with John F. Hall as chairman, was chosen to devise means for suppressing the sale of intoxicating liquors. This committee issued a circular letter to each retail dealer in liquor in the town, requesting him to relinquish the traffic.

These letters had the effect of inducing some to abandon the sale of liquor, though many still persisted in it.

In the fall of 1849 the SAWACOOK DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE was instituted in Topsham. It lasted for several years, and accomplished much good.

The BRUNSWICK DIVISION, No. 142, OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE was instituted on the fifth day of February, 1850, by the Sawacook Division of Topsham. The charter was surrendered on the twenty-third of November, 1852.

BRUNSWICK DIVISION, No. 20 (Sons of Temperance), was instituted March 22, 1858, by the Grand Worthy Patriarch.

In August, 1859, it was voted to admit "lady visitors." On the thirtieth of September, 1860, there were seventy-eight members, and one hundred and nineteen lady visitors. During the three months previous, sixteen members had been expelled, eight had withdrawn, five had violated the pledge, four had been admitted, three suspended, and three resigned. The division broke up in the fall of 1862.

TEMPERANCE WATCHMEN. — A temperance society with the above appellation was organized in the year 1850 or 1851. Its members were required to watch for, and report to the society, all violations of the law of the State, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors. The ceremonies of the society were simpler than those of most other orders, and the expenses were less.

PEJEPSCOT DIVISION, No. 13, OF JUVENILE TEMPERANCE WATCHMEN, of Brunswick, was organized in the fall of 1851, and in the course of two or three months there was a membership of about fifty. Weekly meetings were held, at which were debates, declamations, and other exercises of a like character. In the autumn of 1852 a fine banner was presented to the society by lady friends. It is now in the possession of Mr. Fessenden I. Day, of Lewiston, who was the treasurer of the club. The founder and first president of the club was Mr. George W. M. Hall. The club gave a public exhibition on the fifth of January, 1854.

A TEMPERANCE SOCIETY was organized in Topsham, on the nineteenth of January, 1857. It had no other title than "The Temperance Society." Sixty-two persons signed the pledge. David Scribner was chosen president; Joshua Haskell, vice-president; William Whitten, secretary; Sandford A. Perkins, treasurer; Humphrey P. Mallett, William Barron, Eben Colby, committee.

THE CADETS OF TEMPERANCE, a society of young men under eighteen years of age, was formed in the spring of 1859 or 1860.



There were two divisions of the cadets, one in Brunswick and the other in Topsham.

THE BOWDOIN TEMPLE OF HONOR AND TEMPERANCE, No. 5, a subordinate society of the Good Templars, was instituted in Brunswick, August 29, 1866. The society was located in Brunswick, but contained some members from Topsham.

THE JOSHUA NYE LODGE; No. 126, OF GOOD TEMPLARS was organized on the eleventh of April, 1870, and is still in existence.

THE REFORM CLUB was organized in 1871. It has held a number of public meetings which have been addressed by prominent temperance men from abroad, and which were productive of much good. The organization is still in existence and in a flourishing condition.

No account has been obtained of any associations in Harpswell except temperance societies, though without doubt there have been some others. Besides the Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell Temperance Society already mentioned, there was in 1842 a Washingtonian Society, with a membership of over two hundred, upon Sebascodegan Island, and there is now a reform club of about forty members on that island.

Other associations not given in this chapter, such as religious societies, military companies, etc., will be mentioned in their appropriate places in other connections.

## CHAPTER VI.

## FIRES AND FIRE COMPANIES.

CONFLAGRATIONS have been of rather frequent occurrence in Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell, considering the population of the towns. The first-named town has suffered by far the most and the latter the least from this cause. The following account of the different fires that have occurred in these towns is obtained mainly from the accounts given at the time in different newspapers, from the records of the fire companies, and from private journals. It is believed to be as full and accurate as is possible from the data to be obtained.

## LIST OF FIRES IN BRUNSWICK.

[1671.] The beech woods, where the pine plains now are, were destroyed by fire.<sup>1</sup>

[1676.] A house and other buildings, near where Pennell's Wharf now is, were fired by the Indians. It had been occupied by a Mr. Wakely, who was killed and his body cast into the flames.<sup>1</sup>

[1690.] This year the whole settlement was destroyed by the Indians.

[1722.] The Indians destroyed nearly all the settlement. Among the houses burnt were those of Thomas Tregoweth and James Thornton. The latter was the father of Matthew Thornton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

[1735.] A block house, probably the one at Maquoit, was accidentally burned.

[1737.] The house of Andrew Dunning was accidentally destroyed by fire, and his widow lost her life.

[1770.] Deacon Samuel Stanwood's house, which occupied the ground where Mrs. Joseph McKeen's house now stands, was burnt.

[1777.] There was a fire in some house, not known, which was caused by hot ashes in a barrel.

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<sup>1</sup> *Traditional.*

[1798.] The store of Stone & Veazie was burnt. It was a two-story building.

[1805.] A two-story dwelling-house, by whom occupied or owned is unknown, was destroyed by fire.

[1809.] On April 30, an extensive fire on the plains near the colleges. On June 29, at 11 A. M., the Gun House, on Center Street, was burnt. A new one was at once built on the same spot.

[1810.] In January, day unknown, 9.15 P. M., Captain Richard Tappan's house, store, and barn, and the house of Colonel William Stanwood. Deacon John Perry's house was torn down to prevent the spread of the fire. At midnight Secomb Jordan's house, near Pollard & Green's tannery, was burnt. The thermometer at the time indicated  $-10^{\circ}$ .

[1814.] Samuel Page's house and James Jones's blacksmith shop were burnt.

For the next eight years there has no record been found of any fire. It is hardly to be presumed, however, that so long a time could have elapsed without some such occurrence: Newspapers at that time gave but little attention to such items, and they may easily have failed to be recorded in private journals.

[1822.] On March 4, the principal college building was burned about three o'clock in the afternoon; the whole of the woodwork was consumed by seven o'clock in the evening. The fire was undoubtedly accidental. \$1,000 was contributed by the citizens to aid the sufferers, and the town of Dorchester, Massachusetts, also gave voluntary assistance.

[1823.] On February 12, the house of Mr. Benjamin Orr, occupied by the Misses Tappan, was destroyed. In March, James Nelson's house, near the landing, was burnt. September 4, a fire arose in the woods of Washington Bowker, near Rocky Hill, and made such alarming progress that it soon came within a mile of the village, where, however, its progress was fortunately stayed. It destroyed nearly every building for four miles in length and one in breadth. Twenty<sup>1</sup> buildings were burnt in all, amongst which were the houses of Andrew Toothaker, Lemuel Morse, and the Widow Douglass. There was also a great loss in woods, fences, sheep, and cattle. Among the sufferers were two widows. One of them, possibly Mrs. Douglass, passed through a scene of peculiar anguish. After nearly exhausting her strength in fruitless efforts to save her house, she was

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<sup>1</sup> *Cleveland's Journal.*



compelled to bear away her sick son, with only the assistance of small children, to a place of safety." It is handed down as a tradition, that this fire was caused by a boy setting fire to a hornets' nest, in revenge for the hornets having stung him.

[1825.] On Tuesday morning, March 28, the store of Jotham Stone, occupied by Ammi R. West, was destroyed by fire, together with all his goods, valued at \$2,000, his account books, and six hundred dollars in bank-notes, partly insured. This is the first instance met with in this town where any damages were covered by insurance.

December 1, the post-office caught fire, but was only slightly damaged.

On December 13, occurred what is known as the "Great Fire." Thirty-three<sup>1</sup> buildings were burnt, among which were the two factory buildings, five dwelling-houses (occupied by eleven families), two stores, two saw-mills, one grist-mill, and a number of mechanic shops. The thermometer showed the temperature at the time to be  $-13^{\circ}$ . Many persons were badly frozen. The fire broke out in the then new factory building. The total loss was estimated at \$90,000. There was an insurance on the factory of \$1,800.

At a town meeting in Brunswick, held on the twenty-second of December of this year, it was voted that a committee of fifteen persons be appointed to solicit aid for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire, and to distribute what might be collected. This committee appointed a subcommittee of three, to ascertain the actual loss sustained by the citizens, exclusive of that of the factory company and of property which was insured. In their report it is stated that fifty-seven heads of families had lost \$13,918, sixty-eight persons had been deprived of a shelter, and more than fifty persons had been thrown out of employment. \$1,044 was contributed by the citizens for the relief of the sufferers.

In consequence of the frequency and severity of fires at this time a citizens' watch was established soon after the last-mentioned fire, and all citizens were requested to have holes made in the shutters of their houses and stores, in order that fires might be more easily discovered.

[1826.] On November 3, of this year, the following advertisement appeared in the columns of the *Baptist Herald*:—

"WANTED, A SMART, ACTIVE BOY to set fires and burn brush on Brunswick plains. A college-learnt lad would be preferred; one who has little else to do, and can afford to work very cheap. Apply to Doctor Shame, next door to the House of Correction."

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<sup>1</sup> A. C. Raymond's Diary.

No record of any fires has been found for this year, but it would seem from the foregoing advertisement as though some parties had been kindling fires in the woods for purposes of mischief, and that the college students were the ones suspected.

[1827.] In the night of November 7, the stage tavern, kept by Charles M. Rogers, was burnt. Several travellers who were passing the night there had barely time to leave their beds and get out, unclad, into the deep, newly fallen snow.

On December 27, the house of Theodore S. McLellan was burnt.

At some time this year, the exact date not known, the store of Colonel Jesse Pierce was partially destroyed by fire. After the flames were subdued a *keg of powder* was taken out of the building, the outside of which had been *scorched* by the fire.

[1829.] On July 26, the house of Stephen Sawyer was destroyed by fire, together with most of its contents. Loss about eight hundred dollars; no insurance.

[1830.] On March 9, J. Nelson's cabinet shop was burnt.

[1833.] At midday on January 11, the store of John McKeen was burnt. The contents were mostly saved. The building was estimated to be worth between six and seven hundred dollars, on which there was an insurance of four hundred dollars.

[1834.] August 7, of this year, the lightning struck Captain Given's barn and burned it, together with three other barns and ten cattle.

On October 26, the old west meeting-house was burned by an incendiary. In consequence, the town, at a meeting held November 15, appointed a committee to legally investigate the matter, in order that the incendiary might be punished, and voted a reward of one hundred dollars for the detection of the offender.

[1835.] The Dunning house, on the west side of Maine Street, on the hill, nearly opposite the meeting-house, was burned either this year or (possibly) in 1834. The building was two stories high.

[1836.] On February 17, at half past two o'clock, A. M., the college building known as Maine Hall was totally destroyed by fire.

On September 26, the drying-house, near and belonging to the factory, was burned.

On November 7, the new two-story building of Messrs. Stone & Morse, near the corner of Maine and Bow Streets, was burned. It was occupied by John L. Swift, tailor.

[1837.] This year Messrs. Stone & Morse were again sufferers from fire, their store being burned on May 11.

[1838.] On May 3, a "factory and picking machine was burnt." The newspaper account does not state what factory it was.

[1841.] August 14, a portion of the McKen woods was destroyed by fire. December 17, the toll-bridge burned. At some time this year, date unknown, the grist-mill at the Lower Falls was burned.

[1843.] The house of Thomas Crowell, two miles from Brunswick Village, was burned on July 23 or 24.

[1845.] On March 27, a destructive fire occurred, at which property to the value of \$7,000 was destroyed. No other particulars in regard to it have been ascertained.

On September 24, there was a slight fire at Humphrey's Dye House.

On October 3, at four P. M., the "Growse" house was burned. Loss, two hundred dollars. Fully insured.

On October 13, a two-story house at Mair Brook, owned by Mrs. Garcelon, William R. Field, and George Woodside, was destroyed. It was unoccupied. Loss, six hundred dollars. Fully insured.

On October 19 (Sunday), between twelve and one o'clock at night, the houses of Stephen Harris and Joseph Badger were burnt. They were insured for \$2,450.

On December 26, a school-house on the Portland road was destroyed by fire.

[1846.] On February 12, Humphrey's Dye House was burnt. On February 18, Major Willett's house, near the factory, was partially destroyed. Partly insured. The fire was extinguished by the Force-Pump Water Works. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

In September, Nichols's store, No. 7 Hinkley Block, was slightly damaged by fire and the goods injured by water. Insured.

[1847.] On April 14, the woollen-mill of Whitten & Meder was partially destroyed. Loss, three hundred dollars. Insured.

On November 13, a saw-mill was burned.

[1849.] On May 3, the woollen factory of Whitten & Meder (owned at the time wholly by William Whitten) was again attacked by fire. The total loss was between \$6,000 and \$7,000. Insured for \$4,200.

On December 2, three buildings on Maine Street, beginning at the northern corner of Pleasant Street, where Lemont Block is now, were destroyed by fire. John S. Cushing occupied the corner store, and lost everything. The second story of this building was occupied by the Odd Fellows, who saved nothing. In the second building was a tailor's shop; and in the third, a shoe store. The second story of these buildings was occupied by different individuals for offices.



[1851.] On March 12, the bookstore of Nathaniel Davis was burned at half past twelve o'clock in the night. July 30, a Mr. Cobbett's house was destroyed by fire.

[1852.] On June 15, Mr. Larrabee's barn at New Meadows was burnt; and at four o'clock in the morning of the twenty-sixth of the same month, a tannery was burnt.

[1853.] The building on the corner of Maine and Mason Streets was destroyed by fire in February. Lorenzo Day and James Cary built one on the same spot that fall.

[1854.] On Saturday afternoon, January 14, one of the mills on Shad Island took fire. The fire had made considerable progress before it was discovered, but by the untiring exertions of the fire companies, assisted by the company from Topsham, the flames were soon subdued. The mill was owned by the Granite Bank Company of Exeter, New Hampshire, whose loss was estimated at \$300. It was used by Mr. B. E. Parkhurst as a match-box manufactory. His loss was about three hundred dollars, but was partially covered by insurance. The machinery in the mill was the property of Messrs. Byam & Pearsons, of Boston, was only partially injured, and was probably insured. July 6, the house of Christopher Mitchell, on the Portland road, was burned. No insurance.

[1855.] On March 7, a loaded freight car was burned near the depot. The loss was estimated at \$3,000. April 19, there was a fire at Carleton's gum factory. Amount of damage not stated.

On June 25, the freight and engine houses of the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company were destroyed by fire about nine o'clock p. m. The contents of the buildings were saved.

On July 1, an old stable on School Street, the house and stable belonging to the Misses McLellan, and the Stoddard house, corner of Federal and School Streets, were destroyed by fire. The buildings on the "Stoddard lot" were owned by General R. T. Dunlap, and were not insured. The loss on them was about six hundred dollars. The McLellan house was partially insured.

[1856.] On May 17, Miss Narcissa Stone's steam-mill on Pleasant Street was burned. It was uninsured, and the loss amounted to \$1,600. This fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. In November the house of Isaac Varney, near the depot, was burned to the ground.

On December 10, the Washington Hall building and Parshley's store were destroyed by fire. The former was occupied by the barber shop of E. Eaton, by Johnson & Goddard's confectionery shop, and

by four families; and the hall was used by the Brunswick Light Infantry as their armory. The building was owned by General R. T. Dunlap and S. Thompson. Dunlap's share was uninsured. Thompson was insured for five hundred dollars. Eaton's loss was some over fifty dollars. Johnson & Goddard were fully insured. The loss to the Infantry Company was about eight hundred dollars.

Parshley's store was occupied in the basement by Mr. H. A. Thompson, and in the second story by two families. Parshley's loss was about five hundred dollars in excess of his insurance. The whole loss due to the fire was estimated at \$3,000.

[1857.] In the spring of 1857 the town-house was burnt. It was the work of an incendiary. On September 29, the Kennebec and Portland Railroad depot burned down. A great many papers and considerable baggage were destroyed, though some of the baggage and freight was saved. John A. Cleaveland lost one hundred and twenty-five, William R. Field four hundred, and Doctor Haley twenty-five dollars. The loss to the company was about \$7,000. They were uninsured. One trunk that was burned was said to contain jewelry to the value of three hundred dollars. This fire was thought to be the work of an incendiary.

On October 20, Darius Newman's shop, and on October 23, James Spollett's shop on Pleasant Street, were burned. October 30, Leonard Merrill's house, at the Landing, was partially destroyed. November 22, Jotham Varney's building, occupied by W. J. Harmon & Co. as a billiard and refreshment saloon, was burnt. December 15, about four o'clock A. M., the Bourne mill, in the cove, was burnt. It belonged to R. T. Dunlap, C. J. Gilman, A. B. Thompson, and Ward Coburn.

[1858.] February 25, there was a fire in the picking-room of the factory.

[1859.] At one o'clock A. M., on July 15, the barn, shed, and back part of the house of the Misses T. and J. Hinkley, on Maine Street, which was formerly owned and occupied by Reverend John S. C. Abbot, were burned. The buildings were insured. The fire was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

On July 20, four or five acres of swampy land, near Rocky Hill, were burned over.

In August there was a fire in the woods south of the McKean Road, and also on the Plains.

[1860.] On September 16, the house, barn, shed, etc., of Mr. Hiram Campbell, on the Bath road, burned down.

[1862.] June 27, the McKeen Store, occupied by D. B. Libby, and by Joseph McKeen, treasurer of Bowdoin College, was destroyed by fire. The more valuable books of the college were saved, though many papers were lost. Henry Bowker's house and H. A. Thompson's store were slightly damaged by this fire.

On August 5, Gideon Kincaid's house, barn, and shed were burnt.

[1863.] At eight o'clock P. M., on December 2, the stable attached to the dwelling of James Hall was destroyed by fire. Insured.

[1864.] July 27, the house and barn of Calvin Cooper, one mile from the village, on the Bath road, was burned, together with its contents.

About midnight of August 12, the house of Washington Stanwood, near Mair Brook, was consumed by fire, together with the out-buildings and contents. It was occupied by Emery Hersey. Buildings insured for five hundred dollars.

At ten o'clock P. M., on October 14, one of Humphrey's steam-mills (the most southerly one) was consumed by fire. The loss was estimated at \$5,000. Partially insured. Lumber valued at \$1,000 and not insured was also destroyed by this fire.

October 20, Captain Nathaniel Badger's barn was burned, together with his horse and carriages.

[1865.] On the tenth of April the barn of the poorhouse was fired by an insane person. The loss was about seven hundred dollars. Insured for two hundred dollars.

At eleven o'clock P. M., on May 3, the grocery store of R. Crockett & Co. was entirely burned. Partially insured.

On September 26, the picking-room in the cotton factory took fire, but the flames were soon subdued and but little damage was done.

[1866.] At half past eleven P. M., on March 7, a loaded freight car was burned on the track near the depot.

In the night of June 23, a car loaded with hay took fire near the depot.

At three o'clock A. M., on December 22, Forsaith & Dunning's house and out-buildings, and the house and stable occupied by G. B. Tenney, were burned. The loss of Messrs. Dunning & Forsaith was estimated to be \$2,000 over and above the insurance to each. Tenney's loss was estimated at about five hundred dollars more than the insurance, and the house occupied by him was valued at seven hundred dollars more than its insurance. This fire was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.



[1867.] On April 16, the stable of W. A. Campbell, including four horses, three top-buggies, and one open buggy, one Concord wagon, four single sleighs, one double sleigh, six single harnesses, one double and one team harness, fifteen robes, an express wagon, and a hearse; also the barn of J. Lufkin and that of the double house belonging to Albert C. Otis and Mrs. M. G. Merryman, were all destroyed by fire. Campbell's property, exclusive of building, was estimated at \$3,250. He was insured for \$2,000. The stable was worth five hundred dollars, and was insured for two hundred. The other parties were all fully insured.

At half past five o'clock A. M., on November 2, Jotham Varney's building, containing Haley's apothecary store and York's barber shop, was burned. No insurance.

[1868.] On February 15, the woodshed of the poorhouse was consumed by fire. Estimated value, one hundred and fifty dollars. Uninsured.

At half past nine o'clock P. M., on June 29, an engine-house of the Androscoggin Railroad Company was burnt.

About midnight of September 2, the barn and a portion of the house of Waitstill Merryman was burned. It was occupied by D. S. Perkins. Merryman was insured, but Perkins was not.

On November 26, the house of Harvey Stetson was partially consumed by fire. The loss was estimated at eight hundred dollars. No insurance.

On December 4, a house below Mair Brook was slightly injured by fire.

December 5, the house, barn, shed, and several cords of wood, belonging to Captain Jesse Coolidge, on the river road to Rocky Hill, about one and a half miles from the village, were burnt. The loss amounted to \$2,200. Insured for \$1,000.

[1869.] At four o'clock A. M., January 21, Mr. Robert Bowker's house was partially burned. Fully insured.

At seven o'clock P. M., on January 29, Charles Cobb's tool shop, on Cushing Street, was destroyed by fire. The loss was about four hundred dollars. No insurance.

At ten P. M., on May 9, Moses Freeman's house and shed, on the Bath road, were burnt. Everything was lost, even to the clothing of the inmates. House insured. At twelve o'clock P. M., John Snow's house, a mile and a half from the village, was burned.

[1870.] On the evening of July 19th, a farm-house on the estate of Captain Larrabee at New Meadows was burned.

[1871.] At six and a half o'clock A. M., on February 17th, there was an extensive conflagration at the cove, with the following loss:—

Colby & Co.'s sash and blind, saw, shingle, and clapboard mill, two planers, etc., estimated at . . . . .	\$10,000
Wing's grist-mill, estimated at . . . . .	2,000
Coburn's saw-mill, estimated at . . . . .	5,000
Blethen, Booker & Given, tools, machinery, etc. . . . .	1,000
David Dennison, plug-borers, etc. . . . .	400
Edward Stone's sash and blind mill, . . . . .	4,000
William Whitten's mill, carding-machines, etc. . . . .	4,000
Sundry others . . . . .	2,000
Total loss . . . . .	\$35,400

The shore-string of the toll-bridge was burnt, and one span and one abutment spoiled.

On the morning of May 20th, Samuel Gummer's house at Maquoit was injured by fire; loss estimated at two hundred dollars.

[1872.] At two o'clock A. M., on April 3d, the Portland and Kennebec Railroad bridge across the Androscoggin took fire and was entirely destroyed.

[1873.] On March 16th the farm-house of Horace Philbrook, with its contents, was entirely consumed by fire.

July 14th, two miles of woods at New Meadows were burned. The fire caught from a locomotive.

At fifteen minutes past eight o'clock A. M., of August 8th, fire was discovered in the stable of the Weld house on Federal Street. The fire was chiefly confined to the stable and woodshed, which were a total loss. The L attached to the main house was slightly damaged by fire and water. A portion of the library of Reverend Doctor Woods was burned and many valuable historical documents were destroyed. The loss on the buildings was about \$2,200, on which there was an insurance of \$1,300. The loss to the library was estimated at \$1,000, but this was a *low* estimate. There was no insurance on the library.

At nine o'clock A. M., on October 31st, fire broke out in a house on Bow Street, occupied by a French family. It was speedily extinguished and but slight damage was done.

[1874.] At half past five P. M., on May 15th, Benjamin Dunning's house was partially burnt. It was insured.

At three o'clock A. M., on July 19th, the High School-House was damaged by fire to the amount of \$1,500. It was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

In the night of November 28th the soap factory of Levi F.

Andrews, in East Brunswick, was destroyed by fire. The loss was eight hundred dollars ; no insurance.

In the forenoon of November 30, the house and barn, with their contents, of Martin Eaton was consumed by fire. There was no insurance, and the family was left destitute.

[1875.] In the night of March 3d the old Hunt house on the Maquoit road was burned, together with the adjoining barn.

In the morning of August 6, the house of Charles J. Noyes, occupied by Miss Estabrook and Mrs. Cutler, was somewhat injured by fire, but not consumed ; insured.

[1876.] On April 27, a large fire occurred on the Commons, near the Harpswell road.

September 15, at one o'clock A. M., the Bradford Cobb house on Pleasant Street was totally destroyed. Loss, \$2,000 ; insurance, \$1,500.

November 6, at one o'clock A. M., the barn and L of the Melcher house on Noble Street were burned. Two horses were burned to death.

On December 5, Stephen Walker's house on the River road was destroyed. Loss, six hundred and twenty-five dollars ; insured.

The following is a *résumé* of the list given above : —

There have been, during the time from 1671 to 1877, at least one hundred and twenty occurrences of fire in town. This would make an average of a little over one fire every two years. Probably a correct average would be about one fire a year.

Of the one hundred and nine fires in which the season is stated, twenty-six occurred in the winter time, twenty-seven occurred in the spring, twenty-five occurred in the summer, and thirty-one occurred in the autumn.

Of the forty-three fires in which the time of day is stated, thirteen occurred between 6 A. M. and 6 P. M., and thirty between 6 P. M. and 6 A. M. The largest number of fires occurred in the month of December (12), and the least in January (6).

#### LIST OF FIRES IN TOPSHAM.

Though the town of Topsham has suffered from no very extensive conflagration, it has had the usual experience in fires of other manufacturing and ship-building towns of its size. The only accounts of such occurrences before the present century are of the burning by the Indians of the houses of Gyles, Thomas, and York, and the tradi-



tional account of the house of Robert Patten having been twice destroyed by fire. The dates of all the above fires are unknown.

[1801.] In March or April of this year Captain Robert Patten's house was destroyed by fire.

[1810.] On Saturday, July 21, a large building, occupied by Messrs. Coombs and Hodgdon, the office of Benjamin Orr, Esquire, and three stables (probably misprint for stores in the newspaper account), belonging to H. Purinton, N. Green, and Messrs. T. & N. Sandford, were consumed by fire.

[1826.] Saturday, January 14, "Sager's house in Topsham was burnt about three o'clock."

On Sunday, January 15, between three and six o'clock A. M., the large three-story building owned by George F. Richardson, and a shop owned by Daniel Dennett, were burned. The upper stories of the house were occupied by the families of Messrs. Richardson, Oliver Conant, and Eliphalet Bryant. The inmates escaped, but saved nothing. The lower story was occupied by Major Nahum Perkins and Samuel R. Jackson as a grocery store. Richardson's loss was estimated at \$4,000, Perkins & Jackson's about \$4,000, and S. & N. Perkins, in notes and accounts, about \$7,000, together with all their account-books. Mr. Gillet lost his shop and stock, about \$1,000. There was no insurance. It rained hard and there was snow on the roofs, or the greater part of the village would have been destroyed.

Saturday, July 8, P. Dinsmore's tavern, owned by Captain Samuel Perkins, with the barns and out-houses, was destroyed by fire. The Brunswick people had to lay planks across the stringers of the bridge (which was being repaired), to get their engine across.

December 24, about 12.30 at night, the store owned by General Samuel Veazie, and occupied by Abel Merrill, Junior, was burned. The goods, valued at \$1,900, were all consumed, together with three hundred and fifty dollars in cash. The building was not insured, but the goods were insured for \$1,500.

[1828.] On January 27, General Veazie's house, situated where Mr. Woodbury B. Purinton now lives, was partially burned.

[1842.] July 25, a fine new ship of about four hundred tons, on the stocks, and nearly completed, was destroyed by fire at the yard of John Godfrey. The heat was so intense that the house of Mr. F. T. Purinton, a few rods distant (near the junction of Main and Green Streets), took fire several times, but was saved by the exertions of the firemen. A stable and chaise-house near, belonging to Mr. Purinton, were consumed, and a dwelling-house, occupied by Mr. Small, was much damaged by fire and water.

The vessel was valued, as she stood, at \$15,000. She was owned by Mr. Godfrey, and Messrs. Frost, Haskell, Perkins, and Mallet, the greater part of the loss falling, however, upon Mr. Godfrey. No insurance. The whole loss, including buildings, etc., was estimated at not less than \$20,000.

[1843.] The woods in the eastern part of the town were burned. Probably what was known as the "undivided."

[1844.] March 25, the house of Mr. Leiden Cook was destroyed by fire.

[1845.] May 12, woods burned.

[1850.] December 23, Mr. Rufus Rogers's mill, at the upper dam, was destroyed by fire.

December 29, Mr. Charles Thompson's store, occupied by F. T. Littlefield, tailor, and C. A. Berry, harness-maker, was totally consumed. The contents were saved.

[1851.] January 20, Ephraim Griffin's stable was partially burned.

[1854.] Railroad bridge was partially burned this year.

[1857.] December 3, at a quarter before two o'clock in the morning, Mr. Alfred White's store was destroyed by fire.

On the 9th, about eleven and a half o'clock in the forenoon, the old Court House (Academy) was burned. It was owned at the time by Charles Thompson, Joshua Haskell, W. B. Purinton, William Dennett, and Warren Johnson.

On the 17th, John Flagg's house was totally consumed.

[1858.] January 11, the Walker house suffered slightly from fire. It was supposed to have been set on fire by an incendiary.

[1859.] In August some woods were burned.

[1860.] February 18, the old store of F. T. & W. B. Purinton, on Main Street, was burnt. Dunlap's paint-shop, also, at the same time. It was thought to be the work of an incendiary.

April 23, at one o'clock in the night, the house, barn, and sheds, with their contents, of Mr. F. W. Dearborn caught fire, and were consumed. The house was unoccupied at the time. Loss \$1,800. Partially insured.

May 30, John F. Blondell's house, four miles from the village, with barn, sheds, etc., and from forty to fifty cords of wood belonging to Messrs. William and Charles T. Patten, was destroyed by fire.

[1862.] April 2, John Preston's house, barn, and sheds on the mill road, together with eight cords of wood, one half ton of hay, and two fowl, were consumed by fire. Insured partially.

[1863.] August 25, at one o'clock at night, Maxwell & Jameson's

blacksmith shop was burnt. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Loss, four hundred dollars. No insurance.

[1864.] April 23, the house owned by Miss Hannah Thompson and her sister, and occupied by Miss Thompson and Mrs. Merris, was burned. No insurance. July 17, the woods north of the fair grounds were burned. Considerable damage done.

[1865.] October 7, an old dwelling, belonging to Mr. Rufus Rogers, was totally consumed by fire. October 12, Wildes P. Walker's barn was set on fire, but was extinguished with but slight damage.

[1868.] April 21, at three o'clock in the morning, the barn and shed of W. D. Haskell and the barn and shed of H. P. Mallett were consumed by fire. Both were insured.

July 3, at ten o'clock in the evening, Perkins's saw-mill on the west side of the Topsham end of the toll-bridge was burned. It was the work of an incendiary. Loss \$1,500. No insurance.

[1871.] May 24, in the night, a blacksmith's shop near Mr. Rufus Rogers's mill was burned.

[1873.] April 14 (to 19), Cornelius Gleason's house on the old Bowdoinham road was destroyed by fire. No insurance.

April 19, the old "Fuller" Haley house was burned. It had been unoccupied for a long time, and the fire was undoubtedly incendiary.

[1874.] June 11, the barn and hay of Charles E. White, and lumber worth \$1,000, were destroyed by fire. No insurance.

August 8, at two o'clock in the morning on the Mallet road, some three or four miles from the village, Mr. Charles Purinton's house, stable, and barn were burned. Loss about \$4,000. Insured for \$2,000.

The following is the *résumé* of the foregoing list.

The number of fires known to have occurred in this town is thirty-eight, an average of one in two and a half years. Of the thirty fires in which the month is given, twelve occurred in the winter, eleven in the spring, nine in the summer, and two in the autumn. The largest number occurred in December, and none in September or November. Five fires are recorded as occurring in the daytime and eight at night.

#### LIST OF FIRES IN HARPSWELL.

Tradition says that the lower end of Harpswell Neck was at one time burned over and the cinders, flying across to Bailey's Island, set fire to the woods on that island, and they were all destroyed. No date is given of this occurrence, but it was probably very early in the history



of the town, quite likely before its incorporation. Very few buildings have ever been destroyed by fire in this town. It is said that the only building ever burnt on Bailey's Island was an old, dilapidated school-house.

On the 23d of January, 1822, James Barstow's house on Orr's Island was burned to the ground. Mrs. Barstow, who was then seventy-four years of age and who was very fleshy, was taken out in her night-clothes and carried some distance to the house of a friend. A portion of the way she had to walk. She died three days after in consequence of the exposure. Mr. Barstow never recovered from the shock and exposure, and was at times insane. He died in 1826. The origin of the fire was a candle which was placed under and in too close proximity to a shelf.

Phineas Webber's house on Great Island caught fire, date unknown, from some boiling tar upon a stove. The house and contents were entirely destroyed. The loss was about \$1,000. Insured for two hundred dollars. It was the first house in Harpswell that was ever insured.

On July 4, 1868, the Mansion House on Harpswell Neck was burned. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss was \$3,000.

There have doubtless been other fires than those enumerated, but these are all of which we have been able to learn.

Owing to the few cases recorded, no *résumé* of the fires in this town is needed.

The first fire-engine in Brunswick was purchased in 1810, by individuals. It was a small "tub" and had to be filled by buckets. An effort was made in 1810 to induce the town to appropriate some amount towards the purchase of this engine, but the article in the warrant for this object was dismissed. In 1814 an attempt was made to induce the town "to accept of the engine," but it declined so to do. This engine was used as late as 1847, at which time Whitten & Meder's factory was burned. This engine had no name at first, but was after some years named the "Mechanic."

The first fire company in Brunswick was called the Washington Fire Club. It was certainly formed as early as 1821, and very likely at the time of purchase of the engine, in 1810. No records of this company have been found, but it is known that the membership was voluntary, and that each member agreed to have in readiness for use, one canvas bag, one bed-key, and two leathern fire-buckets. In 1825 this company had charge of the engine, as is shown by a bill against the company for repairs to the pumps of the engine. In 1826 there

were about fifty members to this club, among whom were Doctor Isaac Lincoln, Professor Parker Cleaveland, General Richard T. Dunlap, General Abner B. Thompson, General John C. Humphreys, and Mr. John Coburn.

After the "Great Fire" in 1825, the town appointed Professor Parker Cleaveland, Robert Eastman, Doctor Isaac Lincoln, Doctor Jonathan Page, and John Coburn a committee to purchase a new engine, and eight hundred dollars was appropriated for the purpose, with the proviso that any unexpended balance should be used for building an engine-house. The selectmen were also this year directed to increase the number of engine-men to twenty-five. This second engine was the "Hydraulic." It was made in Philadelphia. It had a suction attachment, not flexible like those of the present day, but of straight copper tubing, with curved joints. There were platforms over each wheel, upon which three or four men stood to aid those who stood on the ground in working the breaks. This engine was sold in 1852, in exchange for the "Protector No. 4."

No records of the Hydraulic Engine Company have been found previous to its reorganization in 1843, but it is known that Professor Cleaveland was especially instrumental in its organization. He was its first commander, and held the position for twenty years. He was always one of the first on the ground at a fire, always managed the hose pipe, and always stood, when duty required, in the place of the greatest exposure and danger.

In the summer of 1828 or 1830, a force pump was erected at the upper dam. It was operated by water power, and it forced water from the river through pipes, into a large tank which was situated on the high ground west of Union Street, about where the corn-house of the Honorable C. J. Gilman now stands. From thence the water was carried, by its own gravity, through pipes to Maine Street, just north of Lincoln Street, where it flowed continuously through a standing pipe, and thence along the gutter at the side of the street to the cove, where it entered the river. This arrangement worked well in summer, but when winter came the water froze in the gutter, the street and sidewalks were overflowed and covered with ice for a long distance, and the experiment was abandoned. It was probably a private enterprise to secure the property of individuals from loss by fire, as there is nothing in the town records to indicate that the town had anything to do with it.

The third engine in Brunswick was the "Niagara, No. 3." It was purchased by the town in 1848. This engine was exchanged in 1870

for a larger and better one, called the "Niagara, No. 3," also, but which was really the fourth engine.

The early records of Niagara Engine Company have not been found. The only thing known about it prior to its reorganization is that on the evening of June 11, 1855, the company paraded the streets with torch-lights.

The records which we have seen commence in 1858. The officers of the company at that time consisted of three directors, a standing committee of four, exclusive of the first director, one steward, one assistant steward, three pipemen, one foreman of hose, five leading hosemen, three suction hosemen, two axemen, and one clerk. The latter was paid between five and ten dollars per year. During the year there were sixty-seven members in the company.

The only events worthy of mention, to be gleaned from the records, are the following: —

October 17, 1858, the company attended the funeral of Professor Cleaveland. August 7, 1860, the company was presented with a flag by Edward W. Thompson, Esquire. On December 4, of the same year, a flag was also presented by Colonel Alfred J. Stone. Probably one of these was an ensign. On July 4, 1865, the company went to Lewiston to celebrate the day. August 7, 1866, the company was disbanded, but was reorganized on the thirteenth of that month, and the old constitution and by-laws were adopted.

No entry appears in the records later than the year 1871. The fifth engine in Brunswick was called the "Protector No. 4." It was purchased in 1852. The town that year authorized the selectmen to dispose of the two *old* engines and to purchase a new one. Two hundred dollars was appropriated, to be added to the proceeds of the sale of the old engines. The first book of records of the Protector Company has not been found. From the second book it appears that at the first meeting, held April 3, 1854, the following officers were chosen: H. M. Bowker, first director; J. H. Toothaker, second director; R. L. McManus, third director; Hiram Talbot, clerk; John Andrews, steward; John Andrews, Joseph McKeen, Charles Hinkley, A. S. Aubins, suction hosemen; Charles E. Owen, first pipeman; Jordan Snow, second pipeman; John D. Stanwood, third pipeman. C. R. Lunt, William Reed, B. Boutelle, John Hinkley, G. W. Swett, I. Taylor, A. Colby, hosemen; Curtis Harmon, A. Underhill, axemen; David Bonney, James French, torch-boys.

The sixth engine in Brunswick was the "Kennebec No. 1." It was bought in 1875.



In 1836 the village of Brunswick was created a corporation, by an act of the legislature, and invested with power "to raise money for the purchase, repair and preservation of one or more fire-engines, hose, or other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire, for the construction of reservoirs and aqueducts for procuring of water, and for organizing and maintaining within the limits of said territory an efficient fire department. The officers were a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, prudential committee of three, and from five to nine fire-wardens.

At a meeting of this corporation, held in November, 1836, a committee was appointed "to devise ways and means for protecting the village against fire."

This committee reported in favor of building eighteen brick cisterns, circular, and about twelve feet in diameter and fourteen feet deep. They also recommended the purchase of a double-chambered engine for raising the water from the cisterns and conveying it to different parts of the village. How far these recommendations were carried out is not known.

In 1875 the town purchased the two and a half inch iron pipe which had been laid by the Compressed Air Company, from the bridge to the railroad station. It was connected with the force pump of the Pulp Company, and was found to throw a powerful stream of water for a long distance, through two hundred feet of hose.

The following was the condition of the fire department of Brunswick, in March, 1876.

The number of engines was three, viz., the "Niagara, No. 3," "Protector, No. 4," and "Kennebec, No. 1."

The "Niagara" was built by Hunneman & Co., of Boston, in 1870. The diameter of its cylinder is five and three fourths inches. It is a first-class machine and is provided with folding brakes. The "Protector" was built by Hunneman & Co. in 1852. The diameter of its cylinder is five inches. The "Kennebec" was made by Button & Son of Waterford, New York, in 1867. The diameter of its cylinder is ten inches. There were at this time twenty-three reservoirs in good condition.

The first engine in Topsham was purchased about 1810 by private individuals. In 1813 an effort was made to induce the town to take charge of it, but the town voted "not to accept" the gift. The next year, however, it was generously voted to accept it, "*provided the town should never be at any expense either for the purchase or repairs.*" The town did, however, in 1826, vote, without any reservation, to

accept and take care of this engine. Like the first engine in Brunswick, this one was a small affair, and had to be filled by buckets.

The earliest fire company established in Topsham, of which there is any record, was the Lincoln Fire Club. The exact date of its organization is not known, but the regulations of the club were printed in 1829. It may, however, have been in existence for some years previously. According to their regulations, the club met four times a year, on the first Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October. Whoever was absent the whole evening was fined twenty-five cents, and if any member left the meeting without the express consent of the club he was fined twenty-five cents also. The officers were a chairman, secretary, and treasurer. In order to be eligible for membership, one must be proposed at a previous meeting and receive three fourths of the ballots of those present on the night of his election. He must also pay in the sum of one dollar as an admission fee. Honorary members were elected in the same way, but were exempt from all assessments and fines.

Each member was required, within three months after his admission to the club, to furnish himself with two good leathern fire-buckets, holding at least ten quarts each. The fire hooks and ladders were under the control of and were probably owned by this club. From there being no other officers than those mentioned, it would appear as though this club had nothing to do with Engine No. 1.

At the annual meeting in 1850 the town appropriated \$1,250 to purchase a fire-engine and other apparatus, and Nahum Perkins, Sparrow Chase, and Sandford A. Perkins were chosen a committee to make the purchase.

The engine bought at this time was the "Androscoggin, No. 2." It is one of the Hunneman make, and is the only one ever bought by the town. It ranks No. 2 in size. It is one of the best engines of its class ever made, and the citizens of Topsham justly feel some pride in the good work it has done.

The company having control of this engine was formed in 1850. The first meeting was held over the store of George S. Holt on April 5. The first meeting for the election of officers was held April 15, at which time Sandford A. Perkins was chosen first foreman; Varius Stearns, second foreman; John R. Hebbard, third foreman; David Farrar, treasurer; A. G. Poland, clerk; and James Maxwell, R. P. Whitney, and Eben Colby were chosen as a standing committee.

At this meeting it was voted to have a uniform, consisting of a blue frock with red collar, red webbing belts, a glazed cap, and dark pants.

The constitution and by-laws of the company were adopted at the annual meeting on the first Monday in May. The company at this time numbered seventy-one. June 28, 1850, the company voted to purchase an ensign. December 2, of this same year, a flag-staff was raised in front of the engine-house. July 25, 1851, the company voted to attend the firemen's jubilee to be held in Hallowell on August 6. At this celebration the company took the prize — a silver trumpet — as being the best engine of its class present. It also has taken several prizes since that time, at different celebrations of firemen.

On March 3, 1852, the company was reorganized by the choice of the following officers: F. T. Littlefield, first director; E. E. Maxwell, second director; D. A. Hall, third director; C. G. Jaques, secretary; D. A. Hall, steward. The number of members was fifty-five.

The new organization appears to have been for some reason unsatisfactory, as in August, 1853, the company was again reorganized.

In 1857, at a special town meeting held December 28, it was voted, "To authorize the selectmen to pay each man (not to exceed sixty in number) who shall faithfully perform his duty, twelve and a half cents per hour for his services while at fires, so long as there may be a well-organized fire company in Topsham village." The selectmen were also authorized to offer a reward of fifty dollars for the detection of incendiaries.

In 1860 the town forbade the company to take the engine out of town, except for fires and upon July the Fourth.

In 1869 the town voted to buy two hundred feet of hose, and to pay the members of the engine company twenty-five cents per hour when in active service.

There was never a fire-engine or a fire company in Harpswell. Fire-wardens are chosen by the town annually, and the citizens generally are provided with buckets, etc., to protect their own property. The population of Harpswell is so scattered that an engine would be of no service to a large majority of the people.



## CHAPTER VII.

## COURTS AND TRIALS, CRIMES AND CRIMINALS, LAWYERS.

THE earliest court ever held in this *vicinity* was the one held, in 1654, at the house of Thomas Ashley, which has already been mentioned. The meeting held at his house was for the purpose of organization merely, and there is no evidence that Thomas Purchase, who was appointed at that time an assistant to the commissioner, ever tried any cases. The laws and regulations adopted at this meeting, however, are sufficiently interesting to warrant their insertion here in a condensed form. They were as follows : —

1. All capital crimes, such as treason, murder, witchcraft, arson, rape, and adultery, were to be tried by the General Court at New Plymouth.

2. All other crimes were within the jurisdiction of the commissioner or the assistant. Theft was punishable by the restitution by the offender of three or four times the value stolen. Drunkards were fined five shillings on conviction for the first offence, ten shillings for the second, and for the third were put in the stocks. The punishment for Sabbath-breaking was left at the discretion of the assistant. For selling liquor to the Indians, the punishment for the first offence was the forfeiture of double, and for the second offence, of four times the value sold, or if the transgressor was a stranger, a fine of either £10 or £20.

3. All fishing and fowling were expressly continued free to every inhabitant. All actions between party and party were to be tried before a jury of twelve men ; but no civil cause above £20 sterling was triable in the local courts without the consent of both parties.

From this time until the province of Lygonia came under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, there is reason to suppose that all minor offences were tried — if tried at all — by Thomas Purchase, a magistrate under the authority of the New Plymouth Colony (1652). In 1660 all legal cases in this vicinity were tried at York.

No cases of trial of persons from this vicinity, prior to 1722, have

been discovered. This year the case of John Giles, of Brunswick, gentleman, *vs.* John Goddard, of Roxbury, gentleman and cordwainer, is recorded. The plaintiff let the defendant a horse, with bridle and saddle, at the beginning of June, 1722, and by order of the plaintiff, one Robert Dunning, soon after, in the same month, delivered the said horse, at Falmouth, to the defendant, which the defendant promised to deliver to the plaintiff at Roxbury, or to his order, with bridle and saddle, of value of £12; yet the defendant, though often requested, never delivered to the said plaintiff, horse, bridle, or saddle. The jury brought in a verdict for plaintiff of £8 damage, and cost of court, against the said John Goddard.<sup>1</sup>

The next case met with occurred in 1726, when Captain William Woodside was tried by a committee appointed by Governor Dummer for cheating the Indians in trade, and otherwise defrauding them. Some of the charges were proved against him, and he was required to make ample remuneration, acknowledge his fault, and give assurance that he would defraud them no more.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. John Minot was appointed a magistrate and chief justice of the Court of Common Sessions under George II about the year 1730 or 1732. An old account-book of his has been preserved, which contains on its blank leaves an account of some cases tried by him in 1732, which are here presented to the reader: —

“Y<sup>ES</sup>. TO THE SHERRIF OF Y<sup>E</sup> COUNTY OF YORK HIS UNDER SHERRIF  
 ◇ OR DEPUTY GREETING.

“Whereas Complaint upon Oath hath bin made before me by Sam<sup>l</sup> Boone of Northyarmouth in ye County of York that some time past he had Stole and Carried away from Merryconeag neck a black Cow with a white face and also Stole and carried away from Chebeag Island three Calves one being a Bull Calf the other a Stear and the other a heffer Calfe, which were mark'd with a Cross in the left ear and a slit in it and a flower Blue in y<sup>e</sup> right ear — These are therefore in his Maj<sup>ties</sup> name to require you to make Diligent Search after said Cattle if they may be found in your precinct and them safely to keep in your Custody making a returne of these your proceedings to me or some other of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace in said County that the Affair may be Examined into, and the parties with whom said Cattle may be found may be dealt with according to law — you are also hereby required to Summons Moses Gatchell, Hannah Smith,

<sup>1</sup> *York County Records, C. C. P., Vol. 7, p. 88.*

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*

W<sup>m</sup> Woodside Jas. Maleum and Eliz<sup>a</sup> Maleum to give Evidence relating to this Affair hereof you are not to fail given under my hand and Seal the 16th day of Aug<sup>t</sup> 1732.

“ [Coppv.]

“ JN<sup>n</sup> MINOT.

“ THE RETURNE.

“ BRUNSWICK, Aug<sup>t</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1732.

“ Having made search after the within mentioned Cattle this may certifie that I have found and taiken up three young Cattle uppon Suspision which were in the hands of Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Woodside which I have taken into Custody.

“ EBENEZER STANWOOD, *D. Sherriff.*

“ THE JUDGMENT

“ Y ss

“ BRUNSWICK, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1732

“ SAM<sup>l</sup> BOON *Plmt.* AND WILL<sup>m</sup> WOODSIDE *Defend.*

“ Having issued out a warrant to search for severall Cattle that Sam<sup>l</sup> Boone uppon Oath Swore he lost at Chebeag Isl. & Merryconeage neck and having Summons'd Sundry witnesses as by said warrant will appear, I have Examined said witnesses uppon Oath (they all having veiwd the Cattle) whether they knew them Cattle to be Mr. Boons which they all deny to have any knowledge of saving M<sup>rs</sup> Maleum who says she remembers something of one of them but not perfecttly so as to give her Oath to it. I find therefore Cost for said Boon to pay and have ordered the Cattle to be Delivered to the said Wil<sup>m</sup> Woodside again.

“ [Coppv]

“ JNO. MINOT J. P.”

Notice of complaint of James Smith against Anthony Vincent for calling his wife Hannah Smith improper names.

“ The Complaint of Hannah Smith against Will<sup>m</sup> Mackness in behalfe of our Sovereign Lord the King that shee goes in Dainger of her Life.”

“ The Complaint of Will<sup>m</sup> Mackness against James Smith and his wife Hannah that he lives in dainger of his Cattle and Substance that they will be destroyed by them they using threatening words to kill their piggs &c. and that they will burn his house.

“ [Signed]

“ JOHN MINOTT.”

No other records of Judge Minot's cases have been met with.

At the October term of the Court of General Sessions in 1743 the selectmen of the town of Brunswick made a complaint against Isaac



Snow, "in manner following, viz., that Isaac Snow of Brunswick aforesaid, husbandman, the thirtieth day of August, 1743, at a legal town meeting held at Brunswick aforesaid, was chosen one of the constables for said town for the year 1743, who was legally notified thereof, but refused either to take the oath of a constable or to pay the fine for not serving as a constable." After a full hearing by the court the case was decided in favor of the defendant, and the complainants were charged with the costs.

At the April term of the same court, in 1744, committees were appointed by the court "to inform against and prosecute the violators of an act made in the seventeenth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled 'an act to prevent the great injury and injustice arising to the inhabitants of this province by the frequent and very large emissions of bills of public credit in the neighboring governments.' . . . And Messrs. William Woodside, Peter Cooms, David Dunning, Samuel Hinkley and James Thompson, Inhabitants of the Town of Brunswick in said County, were appointed by said Court to the office aforesaid."

At the April term of the Court of General Sessions for Cumberland County, in 1765, William Hasty, of Harpswell, was fined ten shillings "for sailing his coasting schooner in Quohog Bay to the open sea, the space of three miles, on the Lord's day." At the same term of court, William Blake, of Harpswell, was fined ten shillings, and costs, £1 5s. 4d., for neglecting to attend public worship for the space of two months.

About this time, probably the next year, John Orr, of Mair Point, accused Captain William Woodside of cheating the Indians "by selling them *brass* rings for *gold* rings," and the case was *informally* tried by the judges of the Court of Sessions in a dining-room at Falmouth. Woodside was acquitted, made friends with Orr, and having just obtained his commission as a justice of the peace for Cumberland County, he "stood treat" for the court.

In those old times physical punishment was often made use of towards offenders. The whipping-post and the stocks were found in every settlement and generally in close proximity to the meeting-house. These implements of the law were, doubtless, at the time they were in vogue, of great service in restraining the evil-intentioned from committing many misdemeanors and minor crimes, and although the objections to their use are many and serious, yet one is tempted to believe that their occasional use might be fraught with good even in these days. The punishments by means of these implements were inflicted by the constables, in accordance with the sentence of the selectmen,

when there was no justice of the peace, or other magistrate, to give sentence. Petty crimes, in which the damage did not exceed forty shillings, came under their cognizance. No account has been preserved of any stocks or whipping-post in Topsham. The only reference in regard to Harpswell is the indictment of that town, in the April term of the Court of Sessions for 1769, "for not being supplied with stocks against the Peace of the Lord, the King and the law of the Province." The selectmen appeared, and after a full hearing, the attorney for the king decided he would not further prosecute. Possibly the selectmen promised to provide these necessary instruments of correction thereafter.

Frequent allusion is, however, made to the stocks in the Brunswick records. In the latter town they are said to have stood a short distance back of the old west meeting-house.

The whipping-post was about a foot square, sharpened at the top like a picket, and the sharpened part was painted red.

At the time stocks and whipping-posts were used, many towns had also a ducking-stool, and at one time all towns in Massachusetts were, by law, required to have one. No account, however, has been found of any in this vicinity. This implement of punishment consisted of an upright post, with a cross-piece, from which was suspended a seat. The arm could be swung out over the water, and the occupant of the seat could thus be easily ducked. It was used more especially for the punishment of *scolding wives*.

The following description of the stocks actually used in Brunswick is from the pen of a former minister of Harpswell: "They consisted of two upright posts of oak, set in foot-pieces of the same material, and strongly braced. Between them was secured a thick plank, set on one edge, rising up a short distance from the ground. The posts above this were grooved, and in these another plank was inserted, which could be raised or lowered. In the lower edge of this were arched holes, just large enough to fit a person's legs above the ankle. In the top edge of this plank were hollows to receive the wrists, while another came down upon it to secure them. The criminal was made to sit on the ground and place his legs in the hollows of the lower plank, when the upper one was let down by the constable, and locked with a key, as a door. Sometimes this was the only punishment; at other times both hands and feet were put in,



when the officer, putting the key in his pocket, left the prisoner exposed to sun, wind, and rain.”<sup>1</sup>

The only person in this place known to have been punished by being put in the stocks was one Jenny Eaton. When Deacon Stanwood's house was torn down, Mr. James Dunning found an old document purporting to be a decision upon the trial of this individual. She had permitted the embrace of a man named Rogers, on the promise of some sugar, tea, and coffee. The man failed to keep his word, she averred, and she therefore entered a complaint against him, and the case was tried before Esquire Woodside. The plaintiff could not prove the charge, and the magistrate gave the following verdict: “That Jenny Eaton be stretched upon the public stocks and rotten eggs thrown at her by the passing spectators for abfaming the character of an innocent man.”<sup>2</sup>

Some time, probably between 1752 and 1770, one Ann Conner committed suicide by hanging herself from a pine-tree. The magistrates ordered (old Roman law) that she be buried where four roads met, and a stake be driven through her body. It was done on the Harpswell road a little way south of the college. It is said that, although it was in force at that time, this was probably the only instance when the law was put into execution in this country.<sup>3</sup>

Cumberland County was set off from York County in 1760, and, as a matter of course, a new county court was soon established. The first grand jurors drawn for this county from Brunswick were Isaac Snow and John Orr; from Harpswell, Thomas McGregor and John Hall.

At the June term of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, held at Pownalborough in 1777, Mr. John Merrill, of Topsham, took his place on the bench as one of the justices. He officiated in that capacity as late as 1783, but no records of any cases tried before him have come to hand.

In 1783 James Hunter, Esquire, George White, John Reed, William Malcom, all of Topsham, and John Lemont, Esquire, Samuel Lemont, Esquire, William Swanton, George Andrews, and Stephen Sampson, the two latter blacksmiths, all of Bath, were bound over to the court to answer to the charge of breaking open the jail at Pownalborough, and for rescuing two prisoners who were lawfully committed. They were tried, and each sentenced to pay a fine of six shillings and costs.

<sup>1</sup> *The Sophomores of Rudcliffe. Kellogg.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Papers. McKeen, MSS. Lecture.*



At the May term of the court for Cumberland County, the next year, Isaac Rolf, of Brunswick, was sentenced to pay a fine of £7 10s., and to receive *five stripes on his naked back*, for stealing five sheep. If he returned any of the sheep, "the owner was to restore him back one fold, the fine being treble value of the property stolen."

In 1796 a Commissioner's Court was held in an old red school-house, which stood near the lower end of the Mall, in Brunswick. It was held to consider the respective claims of the Plymouth and Pejepscot proprietors. Governor Sullivan and other distinguished persons were present. This building was afterwards moved away and placed on the bank of the cove, near the building where General A. B. Thompson afterwards had an office, and which is now a factory boarding-house.

In 1800 terms of the Court of Common Pleas for Lincoln County were appointed to be holden in Topsham, and on the ninth of September of that year the court opened there for the first time.<sup>1</sup> It is said that this first court was held in an unfinished house belonging to a Mr. Sprague, the Court House not being finished until some time the next year. Mr. James Wilson, father of the James Wilson now living, gave the land for it, for a term of years. Few cases of importance, affecting the citizens of the three towns, were ever tried in it, but such as have been found will be given in the proper order.

December 24, 1822, a military court was held at Brunswick for the trial of Lieutenant-Colonel David Stanwood. It will be referred to hereafter, in another connection.

At the May term of the court, held in Portland in 1823, one Patrick Cole, of Brunswick, was convicted of manslaughter, and was sentenced to undergo six months of solitary imprisonment and four years at hard labor.

In 1824 the selectmen of Brunswick were authorized by the town to erect forthwith a House of Correction on the town lot in the village, and one hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated. This building, which to judge from its cost could have been nothing more than a lock-up, stood where the poorhouse used to be, back of the present residence of Mr. Robert Bowker.

At the August term of the Court of Common Pleas, at Topsham, in 1825, Honorable John Dole, a justice of the Court of Sessions for Lincoln County, was tried on a charge of slander against Samuel H. Clark, of Jefferson, the former having charged the latter with having com-

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<sup>1</sup>Jonathan Ellis's Diary.

mitted adultery and other such crimes. Verdict for plaintiff. Damages, \$1.058.

In 1826 five persons were brought before Charles R. Porter, a justice of the peace, of Topsham, on suspicion of having set fire to the barn of a Mr. Millet, of Bowdoin. Four of them were discharged, but the fifth, Reuben Jones, was bound over for trial before the Supreme Judicial Court, to be held at Wiscasset.

This year a case was tried in the Court of Common Pleas, of Cumberland County, of considerable interest. It was the First Parish of Brunswick *vs.* Joseph McKeen, on a plea of trespass. The First Parish had erected a fence from the meeting-house to the corner of what is now Cleaveland Street, claiming the land enclosed as belonging to the parish. Mr. McKeen caused the fence to be torn down, and the parish thereupon prosecuted him for trespass. His defence was that the Harpswell road was laid out in the rear of the church, and had always been used as such until fenced by the parish. On the other side, the parish claimed that the Harpswell road came out south of the church. The case was carried to the Supreme Judicial Court, and was there decided in favor of the defendant. Packard and Longfellow were the counsel for the plaintiffs, and Orr and Greenleaf for the defendants.

In 1827 a case was tried at Topsham which excited considerable local attention at the time, on account of the character and standing of the parties, and the questions involved. The case was that of General Samuel Veazie *vs.* Henry Jewell, both of Topsham. It was an action for damages on account of assault and battery, brought, in reality, to test the ownership of property.

The facts in the case seem to be as follows: Messrs. Henry Jewell, Stephen Jewell, Gardner Green, Samuel Perkins, and Nahum Perkins owned the "Great Mills" and the ground under the same. Four undivided fourteenth parts of the land (a bed of rocks) was within twenty-four feet of this mill, on the south side below the dam, which was owned by Gardner Green, Ezekiel Thompson, James Thompson, and Mary Thompson, the three last being heirs of Brigadier Thompson. General Veazie, without permission from Green or the Thompsons, and against their wish, attempted to lay the foundation of a saw-mill, and collected several sticks of timber and placed them under the floor of a mill-shed on the premises claimed by Green and others. Thereupon Jewell, by direction of Green and the Thompsons, in order to compel him to desist and to leave the premises, threw slabs, and afterwards emptied buckets of water upon Veazie and his workmen. Veazie defended himself with an axe-haft and a pitchfork, and for a while a serious

quarrel was threatened. Veazie at length desisted from his attempt, and this suit was ultimately brought to test the respective rights of the two parties to the bed of rocks. Veazie had purchased the right to it from some of the heirs of Brigadier Thompson, but not from those mentioned. The case was decided against Veazie. This decision, though undoubtedly a just one, in all probability was a cause of depriving the towns of Brunswick and Topsham of the services of one who afterwards did so much for the manufacturing interests of Bangor and the neighboring towns upon the Penobscot. The above-mentioned affray occurred February 5, 1827.

In November, 1829, one Patrick Kincaid, of Brunswick, was fined by the Supreme Judicial Court \$1,100 and costs, for breach of promise to a young lady whom he had engaged to wed, — a warning, it doubtless proved, to all bachelors, hereabouts, of inconstant minds.

In 1843 occurred the trial, at Portland, of Thomas Thorn and Mrs. Lois Wilson, for the murder of Mr. Elisha Wilson, of Harpswell. The facts of this case were as follows: —

In 1840, Thomas Thorn came to Great Island, Harpswell, from New York, to visit his sister, the Widow Dyer. He remained in Harpswell during the summer, and while there he made the acquaintance of a young lady named Lois Alexander, with whom he became quite intimate. He, however, left town and did not return until early in the winter of 1842–43. In the mean time, Miss Alexander had married Elisha Wilson, and Mrs. Dyer had married Elisha's brother Benjamin. On his return, Thorn went to Elisha Wilson's, where he remained. On the morning of the fifth of February, 1843, between the hours of three and four, Mr. Samuel Toothaker was aroused by Thorn, who told him that Elisha had fallen out of his bed in the night, in a fit, and was dead. Toothaker immediately repaired to the house, and found Wilson dead, and to all appearances as if he had been so for some hours. Some bedclothes, which had been washed and carried up stairs wet, at once aroused suspicion of foul play. An inquest was held, and Thorn and Mrs. Wilson were apprehended, and bound over to the April term of the Supreme Court, at Portland, at which time they were indicted for the murder by the grand jury, and were tried. Mrs. Wilson was acquitted, but Thorn was convicted and sentenced to be hung. His sentence was afterwards commuted to imprisonment for life. He was taken to the State prison, where he remained for over thirty years. A few years ago, on account of his good behavior while in prison and his failing health, he was pardoned, and returned to New York, where he was recently living. The fol-



lowing letter, which had been passed to Thorn wrapped up in a piece of tobacco, was produced at the trial : —

“poor lois i pity you and my hart akes for you and you must mind when you Come to Cort and clear me if you dont tha will hang me and you must mind how you talk i will wright to you once in fore days i whant to see you once more and then if you dont clear me i shall be willing to dy fore you i want you to write back.”

This letter, with the piece of tobacco, are, it is said, on file in the clerk of court's office in Portland.

In 1847, Topsham ceased to be a half-shire town, and Mr. Jonah Morrow was appointed by the court a committee to sell the Topsham Court House. He did so, and reported the amount received for the building to be nine hundred and ten dollars; and for the furniture, eleven dollars and forty-seven cents. The bell was reserved to be afterwards disposed of as might be directed by the county commissioners.

The state of morals among the young in Brunswick must have been rather low about this time, as the town in 1849 passed the following resolution : —

“Whereas it is currently reported that boys and other persons are in the habit of visiting the mills and other places near the water on the Sabbath, for the purpose of gambling, voted, that the selectmen employ a suitable person to see that the Sabbath and the laws of the State are not violated; also, to stop the playing at ball or flying of kites in the streets.”

In 1850 the legislature passed an Act, approved August 28, entitled “An Act to establish a Municipal Court in the town of Brunswick, in the county of Cumberland.” At a meeting of the town subsequent to the passage of this Act, it was voted to accept its provisions and to establish such a court.

In April, 1855, Charles Crips, of Topsham, was indicted before the grand jury at Bath for the murder of his wife in the fall of the previous year. He caused her death by beating her with a club. He was tried before the Supreme Judicial Court at Bath, in the September following, and was convicted of manslaughter, and was sentenced to the State prison for life. He was pardoned by the governor before the expiration of his sentence.

This year there were numerous burglaries committed in Topsham, but the perpetrators of them were not discovered.

On Monday night, November 9, of this year, Eliphalet Berry, of Topsham, was murdered near Perkins's lumber-shed on “the island.”

He and several others had been to Brunswick and were returning home, intoxicated, with a jug of rum. A difficulty arose between Berry and David Y. Dudley in regard to the possession of the jug. They both disappeared for a few minutes, and Dudley returned alone. Berry was soon found a short distance off in a dying condition, having been stabbed to the heart. Dudley was tried before the Supreme Judicial Court at Bath in 1858, and on September 4, the jury in the case brought in a verdict of manslaughter, and he was sentenced to five years of hard labor in the State prison. He was pardoned for good behavior before the expiration of his term of service.

In 1875, John Miller, of Birch Island, opposite Mair Point, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to the State prison for life. Miller was abusing his wife. His son interfered and his father shot him. Miller is a descendant of Reverend John Miller, a former minister of the First Parish in Brunswick.

It will be seen from the foregoing accounts that Topsham suffers from rather an unenviable reputation, for so small a town, on account of the number of persons it has had of marked homicidal proclivities. Besides those already mentioned, two other persons from this town, a Mr. Clough and Henry Richards, have suffered the penalty of the law for murders committed by them elsewhere. Notwithstanding this unpleasant fact, it is believed that the integrity of its business men and the general character of its citizens for morality, justness, and temperance will compare favorably with that of other similar communities of even a larger population.

Of late years but few trials, except of minor importance, of any of the citizens of either of the three towns, have been had, and but few crimes of importance have occurred here.

#### MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

The earliest lawyer in Brunswick is said to have been a man by the name of HOBBS, who is described as a shrewd, smart man, but not very well educated. Next to him came PETER O. ALDEN, who was admitted to the Cumberland bar in 1797. He was the only lawyer in town for the remainder of that century and for several years in the present one. He continued to practise his profession until his death in 1843, but his business was very small for many years previous to his death.<sup>1</sup>

After Alden came HENRY PUTNAM, who practised law in Brunswick

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<sup>1</sup> See *Biography*.

from 1806 to 1823, or thereabouts. His practice was not extensive. From 1807, ISAAC GATES, for a few years only, practised law in this town.

DAVID STANWOOD, of the class of 1808, Bowdoin College, studied law for one year with Peter O. Alden, then with Benjamin Hasey for one year, and afterwards one year with Samuel Thatcher. He was admitted to the bar in 1811, and removed from Brunswick in 1833.

EBENEZER EVERETT commenced the practice of his profession in Brunswick in 1817, from which time to 1828 he was also cashier of the Union Bank. He afterwards devoted his whole time to his profession until 1858, when the infirmities of age compelled him to retire from its active duties. He had a large practice and was deemed a very excellent counsellor.<sup>1</sup>

ROBERT P. DUNLAP<sup>1</sup> was in practice from 1818 until about 1830, when he entered into politics and gave up his law business.

BENJAMIN ORR<sup>1</sup> moved to Brunswick from Topsham about 1822, and continued in practice until his death, in 1828. He was one of the most eminent lawyers in the State.

CHARLES PACKARD<sup>1</sup> had a remunerative practice in town between the years 1825 and 1834, at which latter date he entered upon a course of study for the ministry.

PHINEAS BARNES practised law in town between 1839 and 1841. He was likewise a cashier of one of the banks at the time.

LEONARD P. MERRILL<sup>1</sup> was in the practice of the law, for a few years, about 1845.

WILLIAM G. BARROWS, now judge of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, practised law in Brunswick from 1842 to 1863.

HENRY ORR commenced the practice of his profession in town in 1850, and has pursued it up to the present time. In 1853 he was appointed by Governor Crosby a judge of the Municipal Court.

J. D. SIMMONS also practised here from 1850 to 1870.

From 1859 until 1861, George Barron and Edward Thompson, the latter of the class of 1856, Bowdoin College, followed the practice of law in partnership. Mr. Thompson entered the army in 1861, and since then Mr. Barron has practised alone. Since 1871, Mr. Weston Thompson has been a practising lawyer in town.

The first lawyer to settle in the town of Topsham was BENJAMIN HASEY,<sup>1</sup> Esquire. He commenced practice in June, 1794, and continued it for many years, but abandoned its active duties for some

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<sup>1</sup> See *Biography*.



time before his death. His office was at first in a small building which stood just south of the Bank building. It was afterwards removed to the northeast corner of Summer and Main Streets, where he continued to occupy it for many years. Still later his office was over the bank.

In 1801, BENJAMIN ORR commenced practice here. His office was over T. G. & N. Sandford's store, in the building where Mountford's shop is now. He removed to Brunswick about 1822, and was succeeded by his brother, ROBERT ORR, who practised there until his death, in 1829.

During the latter year MOSES E. WOODMAN opened an office in the building formerly occupied by Nathaniel Green as a post-office and Registry of Deeds. He remained for a few years only.

In 1843, JOHN W. DAVIS was practising law in Topsham. When he first came, or how long he remained, has not been ascertained.

The town of Harpswell can boast of never having a professional lawyer settled within its limits. There were, of course, trial justices, but never any lawyers. The first justice of the peace in this town, that is now remembered, was Benjamin Dunning.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## TAVERNS AND PUBLIC HALLS, NEWSPAPERS, ETC.

## TAVERNS IN BRUNSWICK.

WITHOUT doubt, the first public house in this vicinity was established in the year 1740. On the twenty-ninth of October of that year, at a meeting of the Pejepscot proprietors, application having been previously made for encouragement on the part of the proprietors to some suitable person to erect a house for the entertainment of travelers on Brunswick Plain, at the place where the North Yarmouth and several other roads met, it was voted, "That a tract of Land be granted to such person as shall be approved of by the Committee of the proprietors, he giving security for the faithful and seasonable performance thereof."<sup>1</sup>

This offer was undoubtedly accepted by some one, and there is reason to believe it was by Robert Spear, who kept a tavern a little west of the old meeting-house, between the years 1744 and 1760, perhaps later. This inn was also a garrison house, protected by a timber fortification, and soldiers were kept in it by the government, for the safety of travellers, as well as for the protection of the citizens. It was used as a public house after the Spanish or Fifth Indian War had terminated, in 1748. Town meetings were frequently held in this inn in cold weather, and here, on Sunday, the people were wont to congregate for lunch and grog.<sup>2</sup>

The next inn, in point of time, was the one kept, about 1750, by James Thompson.<sup>3</sup> This was on the farm at New Meadows, where Bartlett Adams now lives. It was afterwards, it is said,<sup>4</sup> kept by his son, Brigadier Thompson, until he removed to Topsham, about 1784. It was certainly kept either by the Brigadier or some one of that family as late as 1780.<sup>5</sup> About 1762, Samuel Coombs was licensed as an innholder.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture, and elsewhere.*

<sup>3</sup> *McKeen, MSS. Lecture. He was licensed in 1761 by the Court of General Sessions for Lincoln County.*

<sup>4</sup> *Peter Jordan.*

<sup>5</sup> *Low's Almanac, 1780.*

<sup>6</sup> *Court Records, Portland.*

In 1764<sup>1</sup> a man by the name of Ross kept a tavern, which tradition places near the site of the present dwelling of Mr. Rufus Jordan, on the Maquoit road, a short distance north of the Morse road. This inn was certainly kept as late as 1777.<sup>2</sup>

As early as 1767, Benjamin Stone kept a tavern in or near the fort, as is plainly shown by the following extract from the field-book of the company who made the survey of Bakerstown, now Minot, November, 1767. A part of the company, wishing to visit Brunswick, hired a boat, and on Wednesday, November 25, 1767, about "ten of the clock, started, and after rowing about three hours over a calm bay, covered with abundance of wild fowl (we) arrived at the head of Maquoit Bay at the house of Squire Woodside. . . . From Maquoit, we travelled three and a half miles to Brunswick Fort, which is founded on a rock, and built in an exact and regular manner, of stone and lime, in a four-square form, with two bastions on two of the corners, defended by two wooden towers or watch-boxes. This day fair weather. Here we lodged this night, and a pretty good house of entertainment is kept by Benjamin Stone."

From the foregoing, it would appear that Mr. Stone was at this time keeping a public house inside the fort, where tradition says there was a comfortable, two-story house, but it is possible, though not probable, that this tavern was outside, but near the fort, and that the allusion in the foregoing extract to "Brunswick Fort" referred to the settlement around it as much as to the fortification itself. Stone is known to have kept tavern near the Brunswick Falls as late as 1799.<sup>3</sup>

About 1776, later rather than earlier, a Mr. Curtis is said to have kept a tavern where Thomas Grouse now lives, near where the railroad crosses the New Meadows River.<sup>4</sup> This house was kept as an inn as late as 1791.

The house owned and occupied by the late Doctor John D. Lincoln, which was built in 1772, was kept by Captain John Dunlap as a public house a portion of the time between then and 1800.<sup>5</sup>

In 1796 or 1797, Talleyrand, the distinguished French priest and political character, visited this country. He landed at Castine, and on his way to Boston he passed through Brunswick, and spent the greater part of the day at this house.<sup>6</sup>

Where the post-office and engine-house now stand on Maine Street,

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<sup>1</sup> *Nathaniel Ames's Almanac*, 1764.

<sup>2</sup> *Farmers' Almanac*, 1777.

<sup>3</sup> *Nathaniel Low's Almanac*, 1799.

<sup>4</sup> *Peter Jordan. Low's Almanac*, 1791.

<sup>5</sup> *McKeen, in Brunswick Telegraph*.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*



there was formerly a building which was for many years a tavern, and was known, a part of the time, as WASHINGTON HALL. It was built by David Dunning about 1772, and was occupied by him for some years as a private residence. It was afterwards occupied by his son John, who kept a tavern there until 1807, when David Owen bought it and put on a large addition in front, using the old building as an L. Here Owen kept a tavern until about 1812, when Isaac O. Robertson took it and occupied it as an inn until 1815. The latter was succeeded by Russell Stoddard, who remained about two years.

Ebenezer Nichols, who had been keeping tavern directly opposite, then took it, and Stoddard moved to a building where the Tontine now stands. Nichols continued as landlord until his death, in 1824, and his widow carried on the business until 1827, when she moved back across the street to the building her husband had previously occupied. While she kept this inn it was called "Mrs. Nichols's Inn." William Hodgkins moved from the corner of Maine and Pleasant Streets into this Washington Hall building when Mrs. Nichols left it. Here he remained for a few years. After it was vacated by him it was occupied as a tenement house and for business purposes, till it was burned, in 1856.<sup>1</sup>

In 1799<sup>2</sup> a Mr. Chase kept a tavern which tradition places on the Captain William Woodside place, at Bunganock Landing.

The old tavern which stood in the northwest corner of the college yard, best known as MOORHEAD'S TAVERN, was built in 1802 by Ebenezer Nichols, but was not finished or occupied until early in 1803. Nichols was landlord of it until 1809. During this time it was the principal public and stage house in the town. Mr. Nichols was succeeded, in 1810, by Colonel T. S. Estabrook, who continued in it for some years. After Estabrook left it, a man by the name of Coffin took it, and kept it until 1818, when he sold out to Isaac Dow. The latter kept it until 1820, when he committed suicide. In September of this year it was offered for sale. It was occupied at that time by William Hodgkins. The advertisement stated that it had "six rooms on the lower floor, some large and well furnished; a spacious and convenient hall, a good cellar and never-failing well. The appurtenances are a large, well-finished stable, with other out-buildings; a good garden of more than an acre."<sup>3</sup>

Whether the house was sold at this time is not known, but in 1825 Alexander Moorhead was the proprietor. About the year 1831,

<sup>1</sup> *Dean Swift, Samuel Dunning, and other old residents.*

<sup>2</sup> *Low's Almanac, 1799.*

<sup>3</sup> *Maine Intelligencer, 1820.*

Moorhead retired from business, removed from town, and engaged in farming. He was succeeded by John L. Seavey, who kept the house for two or three years. The latter was succeeded by James Elliot, who was proprietor until 1839, at which time Mr. Moorhead returned to Brunswick and again assumed the management of this public house. Moorhead continued to keep it until 1842, when the building was purchased by the trustees of Bowdoin College. It was taken down in 1847 and rebuilt on Noble Street, and is now the residence of Mr. Joyce.<sup>1</sup>

A short distance west of Cook's Corner there stood for many years what was known as the PUMPKIN TAVERN, so called on account of its sign, which was a large ball about the size of a pumpkin, which it greatly resembled. It was a two-story house built by one Wadsworth previous to the war of 1812-14. Here he kept a public house until about 1836 or 1837. It was seldom patronized by travellers, and was in fact more a groggery than a tavern.

In the early part of this century "pumpkin taverns" were quite common, there being one in nearly every town, and they were all of about the same character,—the resort of the intemperate and depraved.

Soon after the war of 1812-14, Ebenezer Nichols, who had formerly kept the tavern on the hill, bought a one-story house, situated between what is now the residence of Doctor N. T. Palmer and that of the late L. T. Jackson, put a second story upon it, and fitted it up for a public house. Here he kept tavern for a few years, and then moved into the Washington Hall building.

About the year 1817, Russell Stoddard opened a public house, called STODDARD'S INN, in a large building which stood on the site of the present Tontine Hotel. It was built in 1803 for a store, and was occupied as such until Mr. Stoddard took it for a tavern. It was occupied by him until 1825, when it passed into the hands of John Barker and Charles M. Rogers. Barker soon sold out his interest, and Rogers assumed the sole management. The building was destroyed by fire in 1827. This house during its existence was the stage office and principal public house in Brunswick. It had a hall in which entertainments of various kinds were occasionally held. Stoddard had kept in the Washington Hall building for a year or two previous to opening this house.

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<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, in Brunswick Telegraph; also Dean Swift, Samuel Drumming, Mrs. Lamb, and other old citizens.*

The dwelling-house on the corner of Maine and Pleasant Streets, now owned and occupied by Captain Alfred H. Merryman, was built by the Honorable Jacob Abbott for his residence, in 1807. At his death, in 1820, it passed into the hands of his son Jacob, who occupied it until 1823, when he removed to a house opposite the colleges, and this house passed into the hands of William Hodgkins, who fitted it up for a tavern, and occupied it as such from January, 1824, until some time in 1827. The house was known as HODGKINS'S INN, and a hall which was situated in the L of the building was known as HODGKINS'S HALL. In 1827, Hodgkins sold out to Charles M. Rogers, and moved into the Washington Hall building, which had just been vacated by Mrs. Nichols. Mr. Rogers had been burned out on the opposite side of the street, where he had been proprietor of the Stoddard House. He remained in his new quarters for about a year, when he moved to Topsham and opened the Lincoln House in November, 1828. He was succeeded in the charge of Hodgkins's Inn by John L. Seavey, who occupied it as the MAINE HOTEL until 1830. At this time it was repaired and refitted, and Major John Stinchfield took it and kept it until 1837, at which time he bought the house now occupied by Captain Isaac L. Skolfield, and fitted it up for a public house. Mr. James Mustard then became proprietor of the Maine Hotel. In 1840, Mr. Mustard died. The house was then kept for two years by Erastus Niles, and then for a single year by Joseph W. Sargent, when Mr. Niles again assumed the management and kept it until 1845.

James Mustard, son of the former landlord, took it in 1845 and continued until 1849, when Aaron Adams became the proprietor. While under the management of the latter, the house was known as the PEJEPSCOT HOUSE. In 1853 a Mr. Marston became proprietor, but he died within a year, and the house passed into the hands of J. R. W. Hoitt, and was known as the AMERICAN HOUSE. In 1856 it was kept as a boarding-house, called the BRUNSWICK HOUSE, by Benjamin Libby. In 1860, John R. Daly occupied it as a boarding-house. He was succeeded, in 1861 by Timothy Bradley, and in 1862 by E. F. Anderson, who kept a public house for a short time.

In 1863, Captain Merryman purchased the house and fitted it up for his residence. The house and grounds were greatly improved and are now an ornament to the village.

The TONTINE HOTEL was built in the year 1828 by a corporation known as "The Brunswick Tontine Hotel Company." The incorporators were Roger Merrill, David Dunlap, Benjamin Weld, Richard



T. Dunlap, and John Owen, 2d. The Act of Incorporation limited the capital stock to "not less than \$6,000 nor more than \$15,000, in shares of one hundred dollars each. Among the original stockholders were Ebenezer Everett, Esquire, Doctor Isaac Lincoln, General A. B. Thompson, Colonel A. J. Stone, General J. C. Humphreys, L. T. Jackson, Caleb Cushing, R. P. Dunlap, David Shaw, George Skolfield,



THE TONTINE HOTEL.

James Otis, and others. The hotel was built during the summer and fall of 1828, by Anthony C. Raymond, and was opened to the public on New Year's day, 1829. The establishment cost nearly \$7,000. On the evening of January 2, the landlord, Colonel Elijah P. Pike, gave a supper to about fifty citizens of Brunswick and Topsham.

The *Androscoggin Free Press* of January 14, 1829, in a paragraph describing the building, says:—

"It contains thirty apartments besides closets, store-rooms, etc., and a hall which, for elegance and spaciousness, is not surpassed in the State."!

Colonel Pike continued landlord of the hotel until 1836, when Erastus Richards leased it for two or three years. He was succeeded, in 1839, by ——— Holland and Jacob M. Berry. The next year Mr. Berry assumed the sole management of the hotel, and continued its landlord until 1850, when he went to California, leaving the management of the hotel in the hands of Mr. Leonard Townsend. Mr. Berry had been in California only a few months when he died. The contract with Mr. Townsend having been made for a year, he continued the management of the hotel until 1851, when the control of the property passed into the hands of Mr. James Berry, a brother of Jacob. Mr. Berry at once assumed the management of the hotel, and continued landlord until 1867, when he sold out to Mr. H. B. Pinkham,

who conducted the hotel until 1875. He was succeeded by Mr. S. B. Harmon, and the latter was in 1877 succeeded by Mr. Brewster, the present landlord. From the building of the hotel till the completion of the railroad, this hotel was the stage office and the principal public house in town.

**STINCHFIELD HOUSE.**—The house now owned and occupied as a residence by Captain Isaac L. Skolfield, on the corner of Maine and School Streets, was in 1837 purchased of the heirs of Honorable Benjamin Orr, by Major John Stinchfield, and fitted up for a public house. Major Stinchfield kept a tavern there until his death, in September, 1844. His family continued the business for a short time longer, after which the building was occupied by Mr. G. C. Swallow, who kept school in it. From the opening of this public house, in 1837, until the Moorhead tavern was sold, in 1842, there were four public houses in the village, viz., the TONTINE, the MAINE HOTEL, STINCHFIELD'S, and MOORHEAD'S.

An inn called GATCHELL'S TAVERN was kept near Gatchell's Mills, in the southeastern part of the town, from 1837 to 1850, or thereabouts. It was kept at first by Joseph and Francis Gatchell, and after 1840 by Francis Gatchell alone. It was a famous place for "sprees," and was the resort of students and others bent upon having "a good time."

William P. Storer kept a public house for three or four years from 1837, in the western part of the town, near the Durham line, at what was then known as Storer's Corner.

In 1838, Paul R. Cleaves opened a public house west of "Powder-House Hill," just beyond the corner of Mill and Pleasant Streets. He remained only a year or two, not receiving sufficient patronage to warrant his continuing the business in that location.

About the year 1825, Benjamin Peterson kept a tavern on the Bath road, about a mile beyond Cook's Corner, which was known as the HALF-WAY HOUSE. In 1835 he bought a farm in the town of Jefferson, sold this tavern, and moved away. Probably Thomas Wheeler bought it at this time, as he kept a tavern at this place for some years prior to 1845, which always went, with the college students, by the name of OLD WHEELER'S. It was a large one-story building. Like most of the public houses out of the village, it was a noted resort for carousals.

In 1870, John T. Smith purchased the residence of the late General Richard T. Dunlap, and converted it into a public house, called the BOWDOIN HOTEL.

In 1868 the building owned by Mr. Jotham Varney on Maine Street, opposite the mall, was converted into a public house, and has been occupied as such by different parties until the present time. It is now called the **BRUNSWICK HOUSE**.

The foregoing comprise all the public houses known to have been kept, at any period, in Brunswick.

The earliest public hall to which we have found any reference was the one in the tavern which stood where the post-office and engine-house are now. At first the hall was known by the name of its proprietor, as **OWEN'S HALL** in 1807, **ROBERTSON'S HALL** in 1812. It received the name of **WASHINGTON HALL** about the year 1815. It was for many years the only hall in which public entertainments were given. In this hall, also, private schools were taught at different times.

**STONE'S HALL**, on the corner of Maine and Mill Streets, was, in 1812 and subsequently, used for religious meetings and for other purposes not requiring a larger hall.

**MASONIC HALL**, on Mason Street, now the engine-house and hall of "Niagara, No. 3," was built in the year 1817, and besides being used for masonic purposes, the building has been used at different times for private schools, and, if we mistake not, for public lectures.

**STODDARD'S HALL** was in the tavern kept by Russell Stoddard in a building which occupied the site of the present Tontine Hotel, and which was destroyed by fire in 1827. Frequent allusions have been found to this hall, and it was probably large and comfortable, and adapted to the requirements of the town at that time.

While Hodgkins kept an inn in the house, now the residence of Captain Alfred Merryman, there was a hall in the L which was known as **HODGKINS HALL**. In this hall religious and political meetings were sometimes held, and it was also used as a school-room, and for public entertainments.

The **TONTINE HALL** was, for many years subsequent to its erection in 1828, the principal hall in Brunswick for all sorts of public gatherings, and it has always been a favorite place for balls and assemblies.

**HUMPHREY'S HALL** was over the store now occupied by Mr. Balcom as a hardware store, and in 1841, and thereabouts, was used for dances and for public meetings, not requiring a large hall.

**ODD FELLOWS HALL** was, from 1844 to 1849, over the store of John S. Cushing, where Lemont Block is now. The building was burned in 1849, and the Odd Fellows then went into a room over the store of A. T. Campbell, on the corner of Maine and Lincoln Streets.



McLELLAN'S HALL was opened as a public hall about the year 1851, and from that time until the erection of Lemont Hall, in 1870, it was used almost exclusively for public meetings of all kinds and for public entertainments.

LEMONT HALL has been, since its erection, the best hall in town. It is a neat and comfortable room, with a seating capacity of about eight hundred. It is not adapted to all classes of entertainments, but for lectures, concerts, fairs, etc., it is far superior to any of its predecessors.

#### IN TOPSHAM.

There is some doubt in regard to who kept the first house of entertainment in Topsham. Adam Hunter, who came to town in 1718, and who died about the year 1770, is said to have kept the first, though not a licensed one. On the other hand, the statement is made by the very same authority<sup>1</sup> that Colonel Samuel Winchell, who settled on the Cathance in 1750, "kept the first public house, not a tavern, as is usual now, but his house was deemed the first in town, and for his house strangers used to inquire."

Next to this house, in order of time, was the one kept by David Reed, five miles below the Falls on the lower road to Bowdoinham, near the line. He was licensed May 26, 1761, as an innholder, in the six following years as a retailer, and again as an innholder in 1772, 1873, and 1874.<sup>2</sup>

In 1762, Samuel Wilson was licensed as an innholder, and for each successive year, down to September, 1766, when his last license was granted.<sup>3</sup> John Reed kept an inn, probably this one, in 1768. This last year, William Wilson is mentioned in the Pejepscot Papers as an innholder in Topsham. He was licensed in 1761, and an Isabella Wilson in 1767.<sup>4</sup> The precise locality of the two inns kept by the Wilsons is not known, but they were doubtless within the limits of what now constitutes the village of Topsham. The reason for this supposition is, that Samuel and William Wilson owned lots in 1768 opposite the fort,<sup>5</sup> and in 1773 there was a tavern kept at Topsham Ferry by a Mr. Wilson.<sup>6</sup>

About 1770, Mr. John Hunter kept a tavern about two miles from the village, on the road to Bowdoinham. Nothing definite is known as to the length of time Mr. Hunter kept an inn, but it was probably

<sup>1</sup> *Woodman's Journal.*

<sup>4</sup> *Lincoln County Court Records.*

<sup>6</sup> *Low's Almanac, 1773.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>5</sup> *Plan of Topsham in 1768.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

for five or six years. He was town clerk from 1773 to 1775. He died when thirty-two years of age. In 1777 a town meeting was held at "Widow Hunter's." From these facts it is probable that Mr. Hunter died in 1775 or 1776, and he had probably kept tavern for some years previous to that time. Mrs. Hunter carried on the business for some years, until she married Mr. Alexander Rogers. It used to be the custom for parties of five or six to ride from the village to this inn, and for the last one who arrived to pay for the "treat." Town meetings were occasionally held at this house, when the severity of the cold made the meeting-house too uncomfortable. It was at this house that an old negro, who lived in the vicinity, known as "Bill Fortin," attacked the mistress with warm words of invective, because some one had told him, in sport, that she had said that they had never any *black sheep* in their flocks until he sheared them.

While Mrs. Hunter carried on this house, an old soldier named Pike (pronounced Peek), returning from the war in tattered clothes and with his faithful musket upon his shoulder, begged of her to allow him to remain and work upon her farm. She consented and gave him plenty to eat and a new suit of clothes; whereupon he remarked that he would stay as long as he lived. In after years he remarked in still stronger terms, that he would remain with her "as long as a single shingle remained on the roof." The old house still stands in its oaken strength, while Pike, a faithful servant, has long since mouldered in the dust. After Widow Hunter's marriage, the house ceased to be a tavern. Mr. Rogers, however, in 1803 and for some years after his marriage to Mrs. Hunter, kept an inn at his own house, and it was the resort for lunch and grog on Sunday noons of all who attended meeting in the old east meeting-house. Here, too, the militia collected on training days, and here the procession was formed when Washington's death was observed, in 1800. The house descended from Mr. Rogers to his son, Honorable George Rogers, and from him to the late George A. Rogers, Esquire, in whose family it now remains.

In 1773, John Merrill was licensed as an innholder. For how long a time he kept a public house is not known.

In 1774, James Purington, and in 1779, John Whitney, kept tavern somewhere in Topsham. Samuel Tilton was licensed in 1778, and John Blanchard in 1791.

In 1792, Brigadier Samuel Thompson kept a public house in the building afterwards occupied by Harvey Thompson, now destroyed, near the entrance to the depot grounds. Hezekiah Wyman was licensed the same year.

From about 1800 to 1829, Francis Tucker kept a public house in the building which is still standing on Main Street nearly opposite the Bank building. This was for many years the principal public house in town.

The old Gideon Walker house, which stood a few rods south of the present Walker homestead, was used as a tavern for some years in the latter part of the last century, as early as 1792 and as lately as 1803.

About 1812 the SAGER HOUSE was kept by a Mr. Sager. It was situated on the northwest corner of Main and Winter Streets, where the Perkins Building is now. It was afterwards destroyed by fire.

From 1822 until about 1855, John Jack kept a tavern in what is known as the Jack neighborhood, near the little river line. During the early part of the time there was a great deal of travel, and the house was generally full. Lewiston was then a small village, and Topsham, Brunswick, and Bath were the markets for all of the interior towns.

From 1814 to 1829, Nathaniel Green was a licensed innholder in Topsham. Between the years 1831 and 1836 he kept a public house for the accommodation of persons attending court, in the building now used by the Franklin Family School. The next year, 1837, he went to Augusta, where he kept the Palmer House.

Prior to 1826 a public house was kept by Sullivan Haynes, and in 1826 by Prince Dinsmore, in a building which stood on the site of the late residence of Mr. Edwin M. Stone on Winter Street. In 1826 the house was burned. It was owned at that time by Captain Samuel Perkins. It must have been rebuilt at once, as in 1828, Charles M. Rogers, of Brunswick, took it and advertised it as the LINCOLN HOTEL, "a new and commodious house." From 1830 to 1834 this tavern was kept by James Mustard. In 1836 it was kept by Suel and Alden Baker as the TEMPERANCE HOTEL. In 1837 it was kept by Jeremiah Clough. In 1838 and 1839 (and probably later), by Aaron Crowley. Afterwards, for a short time, by a Mr. Moulton. In 1844 by Joseph C. Snow, and in 1845 by A. W. Hewey, during which time it again went by the name of the Lincoln House. After this it was kept by Leeman Hebbard for a while.

In 1817, Thomas G. Sandford, Jonathan Baker, George F. Richardson, Daniel E. Tucker, and Samuel Veazie were all licensed as innholders.

In 1829, Daniel Dennett was a licensed innholder. His house was on the east side of Main Street, a little above the present post office. It was not much of an establishment.



About 1845, George Green had a tavern on the island, known as the WASHINGTONIAN HOUSE. It was afterwards called the ELM HOUSE.

Several of the above-named public houses had halls attached for dancing and other public purposes. Besides these there have been at different times in Topsham the following public halls:—

In a building which stood on the site of the Godfrey House, on Green Street, there was a hall in which a dancing-school was kept in 1799. This house was purchased about 1804 by Reverend Jonathan Ellis. The hall had a swinging partition in it, the hinges of which were at the top. When this partition was opened it was fastened up to the ceiling by hooks and staples.<sup>1</sup>

The Court House was occasionally used as a public hall during the whole period of its existence. It was used for a public oration as early as 1804. At a later period it was occupied on Sundays by different religious organizations, and by the town for many years for its annual meetings. It was also occasionally used for travelling shows and other exhibitions.

At a later day the town-house, situated opposite the village burying-ground, was the principal place for public entertainments.

Still later, the hall of the Sagadahoc Agricultural Society was, and now is, used for fairs, dances, etc., but it is too large for lectures or for any ordinary entertainments.

Perkins Hall and White's Hall, over stores on Main Street, have been used for meetings of one kind and another, not requiring larger accommodations. The engine hall has also been used for small gatherings. Topsham has never had a hall suitable, in all respects, for public entertainments, the halls referred to being either too large or too small, and not adapted for all occasions for which a hall is required.

#### IN HARPSWELL.

About 1762, Richard Starbird and Timothy Bailey were licensed as innholders, in Harpswell.

A Mr. Eastman kept a sailor boarding-house on the east side of Condy's Point, Great Island, before and during the Revolution. The only public house on this island since that time is believed to be the UNION HOUSE, which was built in 1862 by David W. Simpson, and was conducted by him for one year. It not proving a success, he

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<sup>1</sup> Statement by Dr. Asher Ellis.

gave it up and went to sea. It was bought by Robert Watson, and in 1865 was changed to a church and parsonage, and part of the pews were sold. In 1866 or 1867, Watson bought back the pews, changed the church to a tavern again, and carried on the house for one year. In 1867, James Jewell, the present landlord, hired the house and opened it for company. In 1876, Moses Paul bought the house and had last summer considerable patronage.

On Orr's Island there has never been a tavern or public house of any kind.

In 1829, Elijah Walker was licensed as an innholder on Harpswell Neck.

The MANSION HOUSE was built by Alexander P. Wentworth, now of Brunswick, in 1835, and was occupied by him as a public house for a short time, and was then sold to John Colby, who was succeeded by others whose names have not been ascertained. Frederic W. Dearborn, of Topsham, was the last owner and landlord. The house was destroyed by fire in 1868. Mr. Charles Johnson was licensed as an innholder in 1837, but whether he had charge of this house does not appear.

#### MAILS AND POST-OFFICES.

At the time of the earlier settlements here, before the establishment of any post-office, letters were brought to the inhabitants by the coasters which plied between Maquoit and the larger towns, or by any chance traveller who might be journeying this way. For a time even after the establishment of a mail-route, letters were sent by coasters as a matter of convenience.

The first mail-route from Boston to the Kennebec was established a little while before the commencement of the Revolutionary war, when, for a short time, Luke Lambard carried the mail on horseback once a fortnight, leaving the letters for Brunswick and vicinity as he passed by.<sup>1</sup> The mail was first carried between Portland and Bath, once a fortnight, by Richard Kimball, who went on foot and often carried the letters in his pocket. It was not until about 1800 that the mail was carried oftener than once a week.<sup>1</sup> In 1803 there were three mails a week from Boston, which arrived in Brunswick on the third day. In 1804 it reached that place in the afternoon, and in 1805 in the morning of the second day from Boston.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Maine Historical Collection*, 2, p 219.

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen*, in *Brunswick Telegraph*, July 30, 1853.

Henry McIntyre drove the first four-horse stage from Portland to Brunswick about 1803. He was living, at the age of ninety-three, at New Sharon, Maine, on April 30, 1875.<sup>1</sup>

In 1802, T. S. Estabrook, of Brunswick (afterwards Colonel), began to carry the mail to Augusta, passing through Topsham and Litchfield. He carried it at first on horseback, leaving Brunswick every Monday. In 1806 he commenced running a passenger coach twice a week. It left Brunswick on Saturday and Tuesday at eleven o'clock A. M., and arrived in Augusta on Sunday and Wednesday at ten A. M. Returning, it left Augusta at noon on Sunday, and at eight A. M. on Thursday.<sup>2</sup>

The first daily mail is thought to have commenced in 1810.<sup>3</sup> In 1824 no mail from Brunswick could reach the towns on the Androscoggin River, except by way of Portland and Hallowell, and not all of said towns were reached in that way; consequently the publisher of the *Baptist Herald* found it necessary to establish at his own expense a weekly mail-route as far as Jay, about forty-five miles; passing up the west side of the river and down the east. The United States government, two years later, assumed the route and continued it until other facilities of transportation made it unnecessary."<sup>4</sup>

In 1836 a new mail-route was established between Brunswick and Turner, passing through Durham, Danville, Lewiston, and Minot. It left Brunswick at eight o'clock on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Another route was established at the same time to Lewiston, through Topsham and Lisbon. A route was also established this year between Brunswick and Harpswell. After the cars commenced to run on the Kennebec and Portland Railroad, there was a daily mail from each end of the road, and in 1864 two mails daily were received and sent.

The first post-office established in Brunswick was in 1793, and Deacon Andrew Dunning was the first postmaster. The office was kept until shortly before the death of Deacon Dunning in his dwelling on Maine Street, just north of what is now Noble Street. The estate remains in the Dunning family, but the present house is not the one in which the post-office was kept. Mr. Dean Swift distinctly remembers being sent to Deacon Dunning's for letters, when a boy, and he says that the deacon kept them in a desk in a corner of the room, and that it was customary for the citizens to look over the letters themselves,

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<sup>1</sup> *Brunswick Telegraph*.

<sup>2</sup> *Farmers' Almanac*, 1810.

<sup>3</sup> *North, History of Augusta*, p. 333.

<sup>4</sup> *Griffin, Press of Maine*, p. 74.



and to select therefrom such as bore their address. Robert Dunning, who succeeded his father in 1801, kept the office on the northern corner of Maine and Dunlap Streets.<sup>1</sup>

In 1824 the office was kept on Mill Street, near the present residence of Mrs. A. J. Stone. In 1826 it was removed to the corner of Maine and Mason Streets, where Lorenzo Day's store now stands. The next year, the office was removed to a building south of the stage house, on the lot now occupied by James Berry, near the foot of the mall, where it remained until 1842, when it was removed to its present location. It was subsequently moved back to the Berry building, and in 1871 it was moved to its present location.

The income of the postmaster at this office during the year 1826 was one hundred and sixty dollars, and in 1845 was eight hundred and sixteen dollars and eighty-one cents. From these sums the postmaster was required to pay for office rent, clerk hire, wood and lights. The mails in the latter year arrived at eleven p. m. and two a. m.

On July 14, 1803, Major Lemuel Swift was appointed postmaster, in place of Robert Dunning. The appointment was probably made without the knowledge, or at least consent, of Mr. Swift, as he declined to accept it then, as he did also at other times.

The following is a correct list of all the postmasters of Brunswick and the date of their appointment. It is derived from the official records of the Post Office Department at Washington: —

Andrew Dunning, appointed March 20, 1793; Robert Dunning, appointed January 1, 1801; Henry Quinby, appointed January 1, 1804; Jonathan Stone, appointed May 20, 1807; Joseph McLellan, appointed September 15, 1823; Theodore S. McLellan, appointed December 29, 1840; Elijah P. Pike, appointed February 9, 1842; Theodore S. McLellan, appointed September 11, 1843; Joseph F. Dunning, appointed May 2, 1849; John McKeen, appointed September 28, 1850; Robert P. Dunlap, appointed May 13, 1853; Alfred J. Stone, appointed March 24, 1858; Benjamin G. Dennison, appointed April 8, 1861; Albert G. Tenney, appointed August 24, 1866; George C. Crawford, appointed April 3, 1867.

The first post-office in Topsham was up stairs in a building which stood directly opposite the bank. Charles R. Porter, the postmaster, was a lawyer, and the mail was kept in his office. He had for an assistant, Oliver, son of Major Nathaniel Walker, who remained with

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

him for two or three years, and was then succeeded by his brother, Wildes P. Walker, then a lad of ten or eleven years of age. The following is the list of postmasters in Topsham, derived from the same source as the preceding:—

Charles R. Porter, appointed February 6, 1821; Nathaniel Green, appointed July 13, 1826; Nathaniel Walker, appointed April 19, 1831; John H. Thompson, appointed August 12, 1841; Nathaniel Walker, appointed November 26, 1844; William Ricker, appointed July 19, 1845; Charles E. White, appointed February 9, 1849; John Tebbets, appointed April 11, 1849; Octavius A. Merrill, appointed May 3, 1853; Lewis M. Work, appointed September 22, 1853; Amos D. Wheeler, appointed February 29, 1856; Alexander Ridley, appointed October 6, 1856; Robert P. Whitney, appointed May 6, 1861.

The first post-office in Harpswell was established at the lower end of Harpswell Neck in 1842, about three miles from the old meeting-house, the mail being received at that time every Tuesday. The first postmaster was Washington Garcelon. Residents of Great Island and the upper part of the Neck continued to go to Brunswick for their letters for many years afterwards. There are several separate offices in the town of Harpswell, and the following is the official list of the postmasters in each.

The office in West Harpswell was established October 14, 1847. The postmasters were, Washington Garcelon, appointed October 14, 1847; Ebenezer Pinkham, appointed July 14, 1849; Alcot S. Merri-man, appointed April 10, 1850. The office was discontinued May 27, 1854, but was re-established in September, 1862. David Webber, appointed September 11, 1862; Miss Helen M. Webber, appointed December 22, 1865; Miss Lydia F. Webber, appointed June 16, 1868; Miss Margaret M. Thomas, appointed February 28, 1871; Miss Eleanor Thomas, appointed June 15, 1872.

The office at North Harpswell was established February 25, 1864, and Charles Johnson was appointed postmaster on that day.

The office on Orr's Island was established May 13, 1868, and Samuel E. Smullen was appointed postmaster at that time.

Postage on a letter to Boston in 1833 was twelve and a half cents, eighteen and three fourths cents to New York, and twenty-five cents for any distance over five hundred miles.

In 1820 the rates were as follows:—

*Single letters*, for any distance not exceeding thirty miles, six cents; over thirty and not over eighty miles, ten cents; over eighty

and not over one hundred and fifty miles, twelve and a half cents; over one hundred and fifty and not over four hundred miles, eighteen and a half cents; over four hundred miles, twenty-five cents.

*Double letters*, or those composed of two pieces of paper, double the above rates.

*Ship letters*, not carried by mail, six cents.

#### NEWSPAPERS, ETC.

The following account of the newspapers and press in Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell is mainly derived from a recent work by the late Joseph Griffin, entitled "The Press of Maine," with a few additions, which the character of his work led him to omit.

The first press in Brunswick was set up early in December, 1819, by Joseph Griffin, who graduated at the printing-office of Messrs. Flagg & Gould, in Andover, Massachusetts. His office was, at first, on the east side of Maine Street, facing Pleasant Street. In 1821 he removed to the building opposite the north end of the mall, and which he occupied until his death, in 1875.

For twenty-nine years Mr. Griffin printed, annually, one edition of the Catalogue of Bowdoin College, and for twenty years he printed two editions each year. He also printed sixteen editions (1,600 copies each) of the College Triennial Catalogue.

The first work approximating to a newspaper, or rather to a periodical, which emanated from his press, was in pamphlet form. It was issued in June, 1820. The third number had the following title-page:—

"The Management of the Tongue and Moral Observer. No. III. Price per annum, \$1.50. Published & Printed by Joseph Griffin. Issued on the second Tuesday of each Month.

"CONTENTS.—Part 1. The Boaster, consisting of Two Maxims and Reflections. Part 2. The Ill Tongue, consisting of Three Maxims and Reflections. Part 3. Moral Observer, No. III. Melissa; a tale. Observation upon the Passions, addressed to the ladies. Poetry: Mathon's Return. The Season. Communication, suggesting a Legal Act in favor of 'Sitters' or Loafers. An Anecdote."

On the last page was an advertisement of Griffin & Hazelton's bookstore. Only three numbers were printed.

It was followed by the first newspaper that was printed in Brunswick. This was the *Maine Intelligencer*, a demiquarto of eight pages, published by Joseph Griffin, and edited by John M. O'Brien, Esquire, who graduated at Bowdoin College in the class of 1806.



The publication of this paper was commenced in September, 1820, and was given up at the end of six months, not proving remunerative to the publisher.

*The Maine Baptist Herald.* — The first number of this paper was printed by Mr. Griffin, July 17, 1824. It was a demifolio. It was edited for about six months by Benjamin Titcomb, Jr., a graduate of Bowdoin College, 1806, and son of the first printer in Maine. After the time named the *Herald* was under the sole management of the publisher. At the commencement of the second volume it was enlarged to a royal folio size, and continued weekly for six years. During the last two years of its existence it was called the *Eastern Galaxy and Herald*, the name having been changed in consequence of a larger part of its columns being subsequently devoted to secular interests. In the latter years of this publication the subscribers numbered over eleven hundred, — a larger circulation than can be claimed for any other of the many papers subsequently commenced in Brunswick.

The *Herald* was the first paper coinciding fully with the faith and practices of the primitive Baptists ever published in the United States. It was also one of the earliest papers in New England to take a stand against the inroads of intemperance, by exposing the causes leading thereto. In 1826 appears in the *Herald* the first complaint and argument against indiscriminate licenses for the sale of alcoholic liquors.

*Androsoggin Free Press.* — This paper was a royal folio, twenty-six by twenty. It was edited and published by Moore & Wells, assisted by Charles Packard, Esquire. It was commenced in 1827 and continued about two years. In politics it was the exponent of the principles of the Whig party.

*The Escritoir* was a semi-monthly magazine of thirty-two pages, octavo, published in 1826–27 by a club of students, of which John Hodgdon was chairman. It was printed by Joseph Griffin.

*The Northern Iris*, a monthly of thirty-two pages, went forth from the Bowdoin press for six months, in 1829. The editor and publisher was Sumner Lincoln Fairfield, a gentleman from the South. It was edited with ability, but depending on unsolicited patronage it was not remunerative. Mr. Fairfield had considerable reputation as a poet. He died while young.

In 1830 the *Brunswick Journal* made its appearance. It was a royal folio sheet, published by William Noyes, now one of the editors and publishers of the *Saco Independent*. Associated with him a part of the time was Henry W. Fairfield, now the printer of the *New*

*England Farmer*, Boston. The *Journal* was a Whig paper, supporting J. G. Hunton for governor of Maine, and Henry Clay for President of the United States. Charles Packard, Esquire, then attorney at law, edited it for a short time, after which Francis D. and John S. Cushing were the principal writers. It was a well-conducted paper, but it was published for only a year and three months.

The *Juvenile Key*, commenced in 1831, was a children's paper, nine by seven, in neatly printed newspaper form, published weekly for two years. A considerable portion of the type-work of this paper was done by two children of Joseph Griffin who, at the commencement, were only nine and seven years of age, respectively. Their names appeared as publishers. The first, a daughter, is now the wife of a clergyman in New Hampshire; the second, a son, Joseph Warren Griffin, was lost at sea in February, 1849, on his passage to California.

After the suspension of the *Brunswick Journal*, the *Key* was enlarged to a twelve by nine size, four pages, to make it more completely a family paper and give room for advertising. From this time it was called the *Family Pioneer and Juvenile Key*, and was published with good success for four years. It was the endeavor of the editor of the *Family Pioneer and Juvenile Key* to operate upon the public mind, especially that of the young, by the publication of interesting narratives, setting forth in a clear light, not only the evils of an intemperate use of intoxicating drinks, but the dangers of temperate drinking. The abolition of negro slavery, and of the death penalty for crime, were strongly advocated in the columns of the *Pioneer and Key*.

The *Eastern Baptist* was commenced in November, 1837, by Thomas W. Newman, and was continued about a year and a half, when it was discontinued, and the list of subscribers transferred to the *Zion's Advocate*, in Portland. The paper was started and edited by an association of Baptist ministers. These were, in 1838, David Nutter, Edwin R. Warren, A. J. W. Stevens, and Luther C. Stevens.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Newman also published at this time, at No. 2 Forsaith's Block, the *Advocate of Freedom*. This was a semi-monthly sheet, published under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Maine Anti-slavery Society, and issued at fifty cents per annum. The prospectus stated, "It will explain and defend the principles held by the society and the measures approved by it. It will be a vehicle of the anti-slavery intelligence of the day, and a repository of facts and argu-

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<sup>1</sup> This account is not given in the *Press of Maine*. It was furnished us by Mr. Newman.

ments on the subject of slavery and the measures for its speedy and peaceful removal." The editorial work was done principally by Professor William Smyth. The paper was devoted exclusively to the antislavery cause. There were no local items or advertisements in it. Number 1, Volume I, was printed March 8, 1838. Number 25, the last printed here, was printed February 21, 1839. The size of the paper was twenty by twenty-five. The publication of this paper was continued at Augusta as a weekly paper.

The *Regulator*, a royal folio, Democratic paper, was published for two years, 1837 and 1838, by Theodore S. McLellan. I. A. Beard was the editor.

The *Brunswick*, a neutral paper, was printed and published for one year, 1842, by T. S. McLellan. John Dunlap, B. A., was the editor. It was succeeded by a paper called *The Yugerhamer*, of which, however, but two or three numbers were issued.

The *Forester* was printed in 1845 by Noyes & Stanwood. Its editor was H. A. Stanwood. Only one volume of this paper was published.

The *Pejepscot Journal*, a weekly sheet, was published at Brunswick in 1846, one year; edited by G. C. Swallow, now Professor of Geology and Agriculture in Missouri.

The *Juvenile Watchman* was edited and published in 1854 by Howard Owen, who is now one of the enterprising publishers of the *Kennebec Journal*. It was a small sheet, eleven by sixteen. It was issued on the first and third Monday of each month at the office of the *Brunswick Telegraph*. It was devoted principally to the cause of temperance, especially among the young. It was discontinued at the expiration of six months.

The *Musical Journal* was published monthly in 1855 by George W. Chase, editor and proprietor. It had but a short existence.

The *Brunswick Telegraph* was commenced in 1853 by Waldron & Moore, as publishers, and Wm. G. Barrows, Esquire, as editor. It was afterwards issued by Waldron & Fowler, then by Fowler & Chase.

The publishers in 1856 transferred their interest to Geo. W. Chase, who published it as editor and proprietor about one year, when Howard Owen, now of the *Kennebec Journal*, was admitted as a partner, and took charge of the agricultural department. After being connected with the establishment about five months, Mr. Owen became dissatisfied with his unremunerated labors and sold his interest to Mr. Chase. Early in 1857 Mr. Chase abandoned the *Telegraph* and went to Bath, where he published the *Masonic Journal* and taught music.

Mr. A. G. Tenney, a graduate of Bowdoin College, class of 1835,



purchased the *Telegraph* establishment in 1857, reissued the paper, and has since continued to edit and publish it weekly. Of Mr. Tenney's fitness for the position of editor, the *Press of Maine*<sup>1</sup> well says, "To a liberal education and a mind capable of close reasoning and of arriving at logical conclusions, he adds unwearied industry and constant application." Under Mr. Tenney's management, the paper has been particularly valuable for the energy and fidelity which the editor has displayed in his efforts to make it a good *local* paper, and in this respect it has no superior in the State.

The only paper ever published in Topsham was a Second Adventist paper, which was printed about the year 1844, in a chamber over John Larrabee's workshop on Elm Street. No copy of the paper has been found, and its name is forgotten. The enterprise was abandoned at the expiration of a few months.

In Harpswell there has been but one paper published. It was the *Harpswell Banner*. The first number was issued in May, 1832. It was published weekly, for six months, by Josiah S. Swift and Jonathan R. Snow. Jesse Snow, 2d, was the agent. It was printed on a sheet six by ten, and the price was four cents for six numbers. In August, J. S. Swift became the sole proprietor and editor. In September, the paper was enlarged to a sheet seven by thirteen, and the next week eight and one half to thirteen and one half, and the title was changed to that of the *Literary Banner*, terms thirty-two cents per annum; semi-monthly. The last number, however, was issued October 24 of this year. One number contained an advertisement by the editor that he would draw "with accuracy, for one shilling, views of country seats, buildings, etc.; also land and marine views." This paper was printed at the editor's home on Sebascoodigan Island. Swift, then a lad, now a clergyman, residing in Farmington, "procured a small font of worn-out type, which had been thrown into *pi* in the office of the *Bath Maine Inquirer*. This he sorted out, laid in a case of his own construction, and having made a wooden chase, some tin rules, and cut a head on a block of wood, he printed a seven by nine weekly paper on an old cheese-press. He received the patronage and encouragement of many of the *literati* of Bath and Brunswick. The late John McKeen became a regular correspondent"<sup>2</sup> The boy finally abandoned the enterprise to enter the office of the *Bath Inquirer*, where he remained for some years, and finally became the proprietor of that paper.

<sup>1</sup> Page 171.

<sup>2</sup> *Griffin, Press of Maine*, p. 197.

## CHAPTER IX.

DISEASES<sup>1</sup> AND ACCIDENTS, FRESHETS.

WE are unable to give an extended comparison, as to the relative healthfulness of the towns of Topsham, Brunswick, and Harpswell, or of their average rate of mortality. It may be said briefly, however, that as regards both endemics and epidemics, Harpswell is the most healthy of the three towns, and Brunswick the least so. Topsham probably occupies an intermediate position between the two. The cause of the difference is in the configuration of the land, the nature of the soil, the proximity to the sea, and the density of the population. Topsham and Harpswell possess by far the best drainage, though that of Brunswick is amply sufficient, if properly cared for. No data exist from which to calculate accurately the death-rate of either town, but in each there have been a few individuals who have lived to an advanced age. Harpswell probably bears off the palm in this respect, for in one house four persons are said to have died, whose average age was ninety-nine and a half years. They were Taylor Small, who died in 1812, aged ninety-six; Peter Birthright, who died in 1822, at the age, it is said, of one hundred and fifteen; Tabitha Small, who died in 1846, at the age of ninety-nine; and Mark Small, who died in 1852, at the age of eighty-eight.

In this connection a brief mention of the different *physicians*, who have from time to time settled here, will not be inappropriate.

The first physician who settled in either of these towns was undoubtedly SAMUEL GYLES, who died in Brunswick in 1738, and who had practised there for a short time previously. He came from Salisbury, Mass.

Next in Brunswick was WILLIAM SPEAR, son of Robert Spear, one of the early settlers. Dr. Spear was in practice about the year 1740,

<sup>1</sup> The late Dr. John D. Lincoln commenced to prepare for the authors a chapter on the sanitary condition and mortality of the three towns. His sickness and death prevented its completion or revision, and we are consequently obliged to give a more meagre sketch than we otherwise should.

but for how long a time is not known, and nothing is known as to his professional qualifications.

DOCTOR PHINEAS NEVERS was in Brunswick from 1755 to 1765, and perhaps longer. Nothing is known of him as a physician.

DOCTOR SAMUEL DUNCAN came to Brunswick from Topsham in 1770, and was in practice until his death, in 1784. He was a young man, but was called a skilful physician, and he had an extensive practice. He lived at New Meadows.

DOCTOR EBENEZER H. GOSS<sup>1</sup> came to Brunswick during the Revolution. He lived at Maquoit until 1804, when he moved to the village, and soon after moved to Paris, Maine. He had an extensive practice and was accounted a good physician.

DOCTOR BALTHAZAR STILKEY was a Hessian surgeon, who came over with Burgoyne's forces, and after the war (about 1790) settled in Brunswick near the present residence of Mr. Martin Storer, north of Cook's Corner. He practised there for several years. But little is known of him. He is said to have been something of a quack.

DOCTOR JONATHAN RICHARDSON PARKER was in Brunswick for one or two years only, about 1799.

DOCTOR JONATHAN PAGE<sup>1</sup> came to Brunswick in 1795, and commenced the practice of medicine in 1800. His practice soon became extensive, and continued increasingly so until his death, in 1842. He held a highly respectable rank in his profession. His residence was for many years in the house just south of the Mason Street Church.

DOCTOR ISAAC LINCOLN<sup>1</sup> moved to Brunswick from Topsham in 1820. He enjoyed a very extensive practice until a short time before his death, in 1868. He held a high rank in his profession. He was a graduate of Harvard College, 1800, and is supposed to have been the first physician in Brunswick who had received a collegiate education.

JOHN D. LINCOLN,<sup>1</sup> son of Doctor Isaac Lincoln, was a graduate of Bowdoin College, class of 1843, and of the Medical School of Maine, class of 1846. He practised in Brunswick from 1846 till within a few weeks of his death, in 1877. He was a most excellent physician and his practice extended into many of the neighboring towns, and even to more remote portions of the State.

Other physicians in Brunswick, for a short time only, have been J. D. WELLS, 1829; ——— CUSHMAN, 1836; J. E. SHAW, 1857; T. S. FOSTER, 1864; J. B. SOTO, 1871 to 1873.

Of those now residing in Brunswick, ASHER ELLIS commenced prac-

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<sup>1</sup> See *Biography*.



tice in Brunswick in 1842, NATHANIEL T. PALMER in 1845, ALFRED MITCHELL in 1865, and DANIEL F. ELLIS in 1866.

The earliest physician in Topsham, the date of whose residence can be determined, was DOCTOR PHILIP HOYT, who died in June, 1790 (see epitaph). Tradition reports him as an excellent physician. In 1793 there was, if no mistake has been made in the recorded dates, a Doctor Hoyt in town who was a member of the church. Possibly he was a son of the one first named.

DOCTOR EBENEZER EMERSON came to Topsham prior to 1792. He came to Maine from Reading, Mass. At first he boarded with James Wilson, but he afterwards built and occupied the house now occupied by Swansey Wilson, just beyond Cyrus Purington's on the Bowdoinham road. He was settled here at least six years and probably longer.

While Doctor Emerson boarded at Mr. Wilson's there was also another physician named HAY who boarded with him. Doctor Hay did not, however, long remain.

A DOCTOR PARKER succeeded Doctor Emerson and lived in the same house that the latter had previously occupied. He remained in town several years.

A DOCTOR OSBORNE practised in Topsham prior to Doctor Phineas Never's residence in Brunswick, probably about 1754. He boarded at a Mr. Gray's, who lived near Ferry Point. His stay in town was short.

DOCTOR DUNCAN is supposed to have located himself in Topsham before he went to Brunswick. If so, his stay could not have been for more than a few weeks. Both of these last are said to have died at New Meadows, from consumption.

A young man named DOCTOR GUILD was here for a few years, about 1796.

In some old papers of Brigadier Thompson a DOCTOR WHITTAKER is alluded to in a manner to imply that he was a resident of Topsham. Nothing is positively known, however, in regard to it.

Prior to 1804, DOCTOR STOCKBRIDGE (the elder Dr. Stockbridge of Bath, deceased) settled in Topsham for a short time. He boarded with Jacob Abbott in what is known as the "Rachel Patten" house. Stockbridge Howland and John Stockbridge Patten are said to have been named for him.

About the same time a DOCTOR SAWYER settled in Topsham, kept an apothecary store, and practised his profession. DOCTOR SIMS and DOCTOR FAIRFIELD both practised here not far from this time, certainly before 1804. The latter also had an apothecary store.

In 1804, DOCTOR ISAAC LINCOLN<sup>1</sup> moved to Topsham and soon had an extensive practice. In 1820 he removed to Brunswick.

In 1820, DOCTOR JAMES McKEEN<sup>1</sup> commenced to practise in Topsham. His office, at that time, was over Jonathan Baker's store, and he boarded at Humphrey Purinton's boarding-house. He continued in practice until a short time before his death, in 1873.

In 1843 a "botanic doctor," by the name of NORTON, came to town, but did not remain more than a year or two.

Between the last date and 1856, DOCTORS J. S. CUSHMAN, COOK, and SPRINGER were settled in Topsham for short periods.

In 1856, DOCTOR JOSEPH McKEEN, JR., commenced practice, and is, at the present time, the only resident physician of this town.

Although the town of Harpswell has been unable to dispense entirely with the services of physicians, yet it has done so to a great extent. There have been but four physicians located in the town, and, with one exception, they remained but a few years. The practice in the town has been mainly carried on by Brunswick doctors. Prior to 1840 a DOCTOR NORTON resided in the town for several years. He was succeeded about 1843 by a DOCTOR BLISS. In 1850, or thereabouts, DOCTOR DAILEY settled in this town and has remained to the present time. In 1870, DOCTOR J. B. SOTO settled here, but remained but one year, when he removed to Brunswick, where he died.

#### DISEASES AND ACCIDENTS.

If Brunswick and Topsham cannot be considered as pre-eminently healthy places, yet it can with truth be asserted that they are as healthy as other towns of like character, situation, and population. Since the Great Plague among the Indians, about 1615 or 1616 (which extended all over New England), there has no devastating epidemic occurred here. Pulmonary consumption, pneumonia, acute rheumatism, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, measles, epidemic dysentery, and cholera infantum produce the same ravages here as elsewhere, but are none of them endemic. Cholera and yellow fever have never, it is believed, appeared here, and no quarantine has ever been established here.

Small-pox has prevailed a number of times, but never to an alarming extent. Its first appearance was in the early part of the fall of 1792.<sup>2</sup> How many cases there were in this epidemic is not known,

<sup>1</sup> See *Biography*.

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*.

but the citizens were greatly alarmed, and the town of Brunswick very properly took all the precautions possible to prevent the spread of the disease. In October of that year, the town "voted not to allow any person in this town to inoculate for to take the small-pox, but to take all possible care to prevent the spreading of the disorder." Eighteen inspectors were chosen from the different parts of the town, whose duties were to erect "smoke-houses" wherever they thought best; to examine, smoke, and clean all goods brought into town for the space of two months, and to stop, examine, and cleanse any person whom they might suspect of being infected. The town also voted to build a hospital twenty-eight feet long by fourteen feet wide and one story high. The hospital was to be on the Commons, but the exact location was left to the decision of the selectmen. No physician was allowed to attend small-pox patients without the authority of the selectmen. After this epidemic had passed by, there were no cases of this disease for thirty-two years, unless, perchance, there were a few cases not known to the public.

In 1824, owing to fears of an epidemic of this disease, the town of Brunswick, at a meeting held May 10, appointed the selectmen as a committee to take prompt and efficient measures to have all in town vaccinated who had not previously been. The agents of the different school districts were directed to be present and see that all not previously vaccinated, attended at the time appointed by the physician. The names of all persons vaccinated were to be recorded on the town records, and the expense of the vaccination was to be paid by the town. Nothing further is known in regard to an epidemic at this time. In 1851 there were a few cases of small-pox in this vicinity, and at the May meeting in Brunswick, the town instructed the selectmen "to cause the inhabitants of the town to be vaccinated without delay." Doctors N. T. Palmer, Asher Ellis, and J. D. Lincoln were also chosen at this time as a Board of Health. There were a few cases of this disease in 1861, and a number in 1866, when there were three fatal cases. But few cases of this disease can have occurred in Topsham, since no record is to be found of any, except single cases.

In 1810 a committee was chosen to vaccinate all who had not had the small-pox, and this committee reported the next year that Doctor Isaac Lincoln had vaccinated four hundred and three persons, of which number three hundred and ninety-one cases were successful and twelve were doubtful.

In 1824 the people of Topsham were again vaccinated. Harpswell seems to have been quite free from this disease, so much so, appar-



ently, as to have no dread of it, for in 1832 the town voted against having the people vaccinated.

It is thought that the ratio of cases of insanity was greater in the early part of the century, in this vicinity, than it is at present. At one time, about 1820, there were four insane persons in Brunswick and five in Topsham. In 1836 the town of Brunswick authorized the erection of a building for the accommodation of this class of patients, at an expense not exceeding three hundred dollars. The apparently greater number of cases of this kind in former years may be partially accounted for by the fact that there were not at that time so many of this unfortunate class under treatment in asylums abroad, and consequently each case was well known to the whole community.

Besides the ordinary cases of disease affecting the mortality of this vicinity, many cases of accident resulting in premature death have occurred from time to time. Foremost among these are the accidents from falling into the water. From the list of cases we have collected, only a few of the earliest or most remarkable ones are inserted here. The earliest case of the kind of which we have received any account, occurred in March, 1765, a Mrs. Babbage and son, who lived on the farm now owned by the heirs of the late John Pennell, and a young man by the name of Barnes, a son of Henry and brother of the late William Barnes, who lived on the farm now owned by James Alexander, in Harpswell, while crossing Merriconeag River to a grist-mill on the old Ewing place, had their float caught in the running ice and upset, and were all three drowned. Mrs. Barnes and William were watching them from the shore when the accident happened. Their bodies were recovered the following June. The only other similar deaths occurring prior to 1800 were of Daniel Winchell, before 1777, at some place unknown; Adam Hunter, at sea, in 1778; Samuel Potter, date and place both unknown, but some time in the last century; Robert Potter, at sea, before 1794; James and Robert Winchell, at the same time, at Cathance, date unknown; John Winchell, at Bath, between 1790 and 1800; Benjamin Randall and Thomas Wilson, both at sea and prior to 1800.

Some time previous to 1820, Major Burt Townsend and a Mr. Gross were on a raft of logs above the upper dam on the Androscoggin, at Brunswick. The raft broke loose and went over the dam. Just as they reached the falls, Major Townsend, with great presence of mind, leaped ahead into the river below and thus escaped both the undertow and the falling logs, and was thus able to swim ashore, while Mr. Gross, who either did not jump at all, or else not sufficiently far, was drowned.

From the list referred to, we are able to give the following summary: The number of cases of drowning in Brunswick and Topsham (exclusive of those drowned at sea, of which the list is, as a matter of course, very incomplete) is forty-five. Of these forty-five cases, there were drowned on the Cathance River, in Topsham, five; on the Androscoggin River (including Merrymeeting Bay), twenty-seven; on the New Meadows River, in Brunswick, one; at Maquoit, three; at other places mentioned, five; and where the place was unknown, four. Of the twenty-seven drowned in the Androscoggin, eight were drowned on the Topsham side, ten on the Brunswick side, five in Merrymeeting Bay, and four in the stream, away from the shore. Of the ten persons drowned on the Brunswick side, seven were drowned near the Factory or lower mills and two near the upper bridge. Of the eight on the Topsham side, four were drowned at the bathing-place above the upper bridge and two near the mills.

Next in the list of fatal accidents come those by fire. The first of these to which reference has been found was in 1737, when the house of the widow of Andrew Dunning was burned, and she was burned in it. No reference to any other death by fire in the last century has been found. In September, 1829, Hannah J. Brown, of Topsham, aged eight years, was badly burned by a brand which fell from the andirons on her cotton gown and set it on fire. She lingered for twenty-six days before she succumbed to her injuries. On January 15, 1857, Mrs. James Maxwell, of Topsham, was fatally burned, in consequence of the overflowing of a lighted lamp containing camphene. She lived but a short time. On January 25, 1859, a daughter of John Merritt, of Brunswick, was fatally burned in consequence of her clothes being caught in the blaze of the fire. On March 11th of this same year, Mr. Isaac Center was fatally burned by the explosion in his hand of a lighted lamp, containing burning fluid.

In this connection may be mentioned with propriety the cases (though not fatal) of accidents in consequence of lightning. The first occurrence of this kind was in 1828, when a house in Mill Street was struck by lightning, and a man injured. The next case occurred September 5, 1845, when one person was stunned and another prostrated by the lightning, which struck Common's Hall. At the time the "Henry Jordan" house, on Cleaveland Street was struck by lightning, June 23, 1874, two persons standing on the doorsill were struck, but not seriously injured. Other cases have probably occurred of which no account has been preserved.

Numerous accidents have occurred from time to time at the mills

and factories, though fortunately but few have resulted fatally. The earliest occurrence of this kind was in the last century, though the precise date is unknown. Hugh Wilson, of Topsham, who was married in 1785, had his leg broken among the mill logs on the eastern branch of the Cathance River. An amputation was performed by a physician from Casco (Portland), but he did not long survive the operation. The next occurrence of which we have seen any account, also in Topsham, was in August, 1825. At this time a little child, aged four years, fell through a saw-mill and fractured his skull. On October 7, of the same year, another child, aged ten years, while asleep in a saw-mill in Brunswick, where his father was working at the time, got up and fell out on to the rocks, a distance of twenty-five feet, and was instantly killed. Record has been found of only two accidents in the mills since this date, but there were doubtless many others which were unrecorded, save in the memory of afflicted friends.

At least eight fatal accidents are known to have happened upon the railroad in this vicinity, and it is possible there have been more. Only one of these cases happened in Topsham.

The following are a few of the cases of death that have occurred from other causes than those already specified:—

November 30, 1833, William B. Merriman, of Brunswick, mate of the brig “Veto,” was murdered by the pilot, a Spaniard, while at Barbaras, in the lagoon of Maracaibo. In November, 1858, Richard L. McManus fell into the hold from the deck of the ship “Screamer,” in the port of London, and died on December 7, in consequence of lockjaw induced by the injury he sustained.

On August 27, 1861, a young lad fell on to the rocks from the high bluff in front of the residence of Miss Narcissa Stone, in Brunswick, and was instantly killed. On the 27th of September, 1866, a young child was accidentally shot in Topsham.

The deaths caused by the personal violence of another have been mentioned in a different connection. The cases of suicide occurring in Brunswick and Topsham have been (including that of Ann Conner already referred to) only eight, so far as can be ascertained. These cases occurred in the years 1752 to 1770, 1820, 1823, 1833, 1852, 1855, 1858, and 1869. Two of these were destroyed by cutting their own throats, one by hanging, one by shooting, and two by drowning.

The manner of death of the other two is not known. There have undoubtedly been other cases of this kind, but these are all in which the facts have been found recorded.

Among what might be classed under the head of accidents to prop-



erty, but which might with even more propriety be classed under a meteorological heading, and which for convenience merely are introduced in this place, are

#### FRESHETS.

The earliest reference found to any freshet in the Androscoggin was to one that occurred in February, 1723. At that time the river was very full, "the lowland full of water and the river open not only below but even to the falls thirty miles above Pejepscot." This it will be noticed was in *midwinter*.<sup>1</sup>

The next great freshet occurred in 1780, in the winter season.<sup>2</sup> There was considerable ice in the river at the time, which dammed up the water so that it flowed across the lower part of Topsham village, and men went across Main Street below the bank in boats. Ice was carried by the water into the cellar of the Hodge house, which stood where the bank now stands, and it was also brought up the gully by the town landing, nearly as far as the present Congregational Church.

The next freshet was in 1784. It occurred some time in the fall. The barn of Andrew and John Dunning was brought down by the water from the intervale east of Rocky Hill. This barn continued entire until it reached the falls. The standing corn in the fields along the banks of the river remained fixed, but pumpkins came down in great abundance. The great mills on the island were carried off at this time.<sup>3</sup> In October of the next year<sup>4</sup> there was another freshet that carried off a saw-mill and nine saws, two grist-mills, a fulling mill, and three houses. On account of the amount of damage done by the sudden rise of water at this time, the town of Topsham preferred a petition to the General Court for an abatement in the tax for that year. The next unusual rise of water in the river occurred in 1811. At this time the toll-bridge was partially carried off. It was at this time, also, that two men, Johnson Wilson and "Noggin" Potter, went across the ice to Shad Island, where Wilson owned a mill, and went to work. There had been a rain, but Wilson and Potter did not anticipate a rise of water sufficient to break up the ice. At noon, however, when they left work and started for home, they found the ice had broken up and, as there was no bridge to the island at that time, they were unable to reach the shore. The ice was running rapidly, and it would be dangerous to attempt to reach them by boat; they were therefore obliged to remain on the island. As it

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

was uncertain how long they might have to remain there, their friends, who were on the Brunswick shore, threw crackers, pieces of fish, etc., to them, and thus their hunger was appeased. They were obliged to remain on the island nearly two days, when Major William Frost and some one else took a boat and brought them safely ashore.<sup>1</sup>

In the great freshet of 1814 twenty-one saw-mills were swept away, or rendered useless, and many other buildings and manufactories were destroyed. An expensive viaduct for conveying boards past the falls was also destroyed. Mills, barns, etc., came down to the falls erect, as though resting on their foundations, and were there dashed to pieces. The Patten mill, in Topsham, was carried down the river and across the island about where the paper-mill now stands; catching for a moment on the rocks at this place, the roof came off. Four saw-mills on the lower falls started at one time and carried off the greater portion of the bridge. The toll-man had just quitted his dwelling. There was a rise of water of twenty-eight feet in this freshet. In October, 1819, there was a heavy freshet which carried off the upper mills. The town of Brunswick petitioned the legislature to make a deduction from their valuation in consequence of the loss of property occasioned by it.

In the summer of 1820 the river was lower than it had been for sixty years previous, and all business in mills and factories was suspended for some time. This unusual drought was, however, only the precursor of a great freshet which occurred on the sixteenth and seventeenth of October following. At this time all the booms about the falls broke, containing logs, it was said, sufficient to supply twenty-three saws for two years, — the greatest number ever on hand at that season of the year. The lower dam on the Brunswick side started and carried with it about sixty feet of the Androscoggin bridge, and two mills for manufacturing clapboards, owned by Jaquith and Eastman. "A greater portion of the most expensive dam on the falls" then started, and it was supposed it could not be repaired under nine or ten months. Fifteen saws, two grist-mills, a carding-machine, two clapboard-mills, and a lath-mill were rendered useless until this dam was repaired. The estimated loss was over \$125,000. There was also great loss of property at Lisbon.

On April 15, 1824, a "very great freshet" is recorded, but no particulars are given. On August 30, 1826, the most unexpected and rapid rise of water in the Androscoggin occurred that had ever been

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<sup>1</sup> *James Wilson.*

known. In Livermore and Jay the water rose eight feet in one night. It swept away in its course every movable thing on the shores, such as timber, ferry-boats, etc. The swell of water reached Brunswick on Tuesday eve. Between one and two thousand logs that had been rafted below the booms at this place were swept over the dams, and some damage was done to a number of the mills. The loss at this point was, however, more than balanced by a fine run of logs from above. There had been no rains in this vicinity.

Another serious rise of water occurred on April 25 and April 26, 1827. The boom broke on the night of the twenty-fifth, and allowed about one hundred and fifty thousand logs to come down the river. In their course they carried off the new double saw-mill belonging to Doctor Jonathan Page, about two hundred feet of the toll-bridge, and the gulf dam. The Eagle Factory was also injured.

No freshet is recorded as occurring in 1829, but in November of that year the tide in the river is said to have risen five feet higher than ever before known, and to have done some slight damage.

Other considerable freshets occurred on January 2, 1831, May 22, 1832, and April 7, 1833. At the one in 1832, the Roger Merrill saw-mill and also the Patten mill and the bridge dam were carried away.

In February, 1839, there was a serious ice freshet, which carried away the upper dam and booms, and the Goat Island mill, and seriously injured the Great Mills. The ice became gorged at the Narrows, and was sixty feet high below the toll-bridge. It was piled so high between the bridge and the lower falls, that a man stepped off the bridge and walked on the ice to the roof of the mill on Shad Island.

A freshet occurred on May 22, 1843, at which the dam on the Topsham side gave way, and the lower boom above the falls also gave way, carrying off the Rogers mill in Topsham, and about thirty feet of the Shad Island bridge. The bank on the "Intervale" road in Brunswick was washed away, and a house undermined at this time.

The next noteworthy freshet was in May, 1854. It was said at the time to be the greatest of any since 1814, though but little damage was done. The old Hodge mill was carried off, but the new Hodge mill was uninjured.

In 1857, April 6, the water in the river was very high, and the old Purinton mill in Topsham was carried off.

On March 31, 1859, the ice carried away Maxwell & Jameson's blacksmith shop, on the island, and also an old grist-mill near by.

On April 19, 1862, an unoccupied house on the island in Topsham, next to the small bridge, was carried away by the water, and the draw



and about two hundred feet of the Bay Bridge, on the Brunswick side, were also destroyed. Cow Island was entirely submerged.

On November 19, 1863, there was a high freshet. The northern abutment of the small bridge in Topsham was undermined, and carriage travel stopped. There were some logs lost, but no other damage is known to have been done at this time.

April 19, 1865, the water was quite high, but did no damage. There was, however, at this time, an extremely high wind, which blew down fences, signs, etc., and did considerable harm. A barn on the Island, in Topsham, was blown into the river with all its contents, even the hens.

On April 26, 1866, there was a heavy ice freshet. A small portion of the dam of Perkins's saw-mill, and the outer tier of posts of the Purinton flour-mill, both in Topsham, were carried away. Some damage was also done to the Coburn mill in Brunswick. There was also another, though lighter, freshet in November of this year.

In 1869 there were two freshets. At the first, on April 29, a boom broke, and a large number of logs belonging to Hiram Toothaker, and to Coburn & Thompson, went down river. The loss was estimated at about \$40,000.

At the other freshet, October 5, several cows on Cow Island were drowned, and two hundred bushels of corn, belonging to John Merryman, at Rocky Hill, were washed away.

The last freshet of consequence was on April 16, 1873. The ice became gorged, and carried away the flume at the paper-mill in Topsham.

## CHAPTER X.

STAGES, RAILROADS, NAVIGATION, TELEGRAPH, EXPRESSES, PUBLIC  
CARRIAGES.

## STAGES, ETC.

THE first regular stage for the accommodation of passengers is thought to have commenced running about the year 1800. The first four-horse stage between Brunswick and Portland is known to have been driven in 1803 by Henry McIntyre. In 1806, Colonel Estabrook drove a biweekly stage between Brunswick and Augusta.

In 1807, or soon after, Nahum Perkins, of Topsham, drove a through stage between Portland and Augusta.

The first daily stage commenced, in connection with the mails, in 1810. It was between Portland and Brunswick.

A writer in 1820 remarks concerning the stages to and from Brunswick at that time, "From the great eastern, western, and northern routes the stages arrive at twelve o'clock at noon, and so well are they regulated that they often arrive at the same moment. There is no other place in Maine so well situated in this respect. From the east, west, and north, they arrive and depart every day in the week." These coaches were probably run by the Maine Stage Company, as that is the earliest company to which any reference has been found.

On January 1, 1821, William B. Peters commenced running a stage between Portland and Bath, leaving the former place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and the latter on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The Brunswick office was at Hodgkins's tavern. The fare was the same as in the mail stage. This was an *opposition line* to the regular mail stage. How long it was maintained is not known.

On August 20, 1836, the Brunswick and Turner Stage Company began running a stage between those two towns, leaving Stinchfield's Hotel in Brunswick, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at eight o'clock A. M., passing through Durham, Danville, Lewiston, East Minot, East Turner, and arriving in Turner at three o'clock P. M. Returning, it left Turner on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at

eight o'clock A. M., and arrived in Brunswick at four P. M. The fare to Lewiston was one dollar and twenty-five cents, and to Turner one dollar and seventy-five cents. During the winter of this year, Jacob Harris drove a two-horse team twice a week to Portland, for freight and passengers.

On December 25, 1854, the Brunswick and Lewiston stage line was established, John Holland, Jr., being the agent. A passenger coach, capable of seating nine persons inside, left Lewiston for Brunswick every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and arrived at the latter place in season for the noon train for Bath and Augusta. It left Brunswick on its return at half past nine A. M. It passed through Topsham, Little River, and Lisbon. The fare between Brunswick and Lewiston was one dollar and twenty-five cents. This line was kept up for several years. In 1856 M. K. Marean was its agent. The last stage run to any point accessible by the cars was in 1858. In November of that year, C. M. Plummer commenced to run a daily stage to Bath *in opposition to the cars*. The fare by stage was forty cents, and by cars twenty-five cents.

There are at present three lines of stages leaving Brunswick. One is a daily stage to Potts's Point on Harpswell Neck; another, thrice weekly, to Condy's Harbor on Great Island; and another, thrice weekly, to Orr's Island. The first stage over the latter route was driven by Ephraim Johnson of Orr's Island, on June 1, 1868.

Among the different lines of stages which have been enumerated, the Maine Stage Company deservedly takes the first rank. The company at one time owned \$60,000 worth of stock. Its coaches were large and comfortable, and its horses were of the best. The line was well patronized and the profits were large. A quarterly dividend of thirty dollars on the hundred is known to have been distributed. The stages of this line continued running to Portland for some time after the railroad was completed. The fare to Portland by stage was one dollar, and by cars ninety cents, but the stage called for and delivered passengers at their residences, thus saving carriage hire. Among the drivers for the Maine Stage Company were Calvin Gossam, Charles Owen (son of Elder Shimuel Owen), Hiram Tibbetts (father of Mr. J. H. Tibbetts), Jabez Sawin, ——— Savage, Jacob Sands, ——— Stanwood, ——— Plummer, Job Sawyer, ——— Hobbs, and John Beals.

Gossam was a careful driver, prompt in business, attentive to the wants of his passengers, and scrupulously neat in his apparel; his hat, boots, and gloves were always stylish; when he announced, "Stage



ready," no better dressed gentleman entered the coach. Gossam went to California, where he drove successfully several years before his death.

Mr. Sands drove a part of the time between Brunswick and Augusta, and a part between Brunswick and Portland. In 1849, when the steamer *Flushing* made her daily trips between New Wharf and Portland, he drove a stage connecting with the steamer. He was a careful driver and a pleasant, genial, whole-souled man. Those who desired to relieve the monotony of a stage journey by pleasant, facetious, and oftentimes instructive conversation, invariably chose a seat beside him upon the box.

Concerning the other drivers, nothing has been learned, except what would naturally be inferred, that they were all good "whips" and handled the "ribbons" skilfully.

Accidents were not infrequent in old stage times. In several instances the towns of Brunswick and Topsham were obliged to pay damages to the stage company, in consequence of injuries to their coaches caused by defects in the highways.

One incident is perhaps illustrative of the whole. On November 17, 1829, a stage containing eleven passengers, among whom were Governor Dunlap, and Mr. Charles J. Noyes, of Brunswick, was upset on McKean Street, and tipped, top down, into a ditch full of water, so that the doors could not be opened. No one was seriously injured, but all were bedaubed with mud. A mother and her babe were among the inside passengers, and the child was found safely preserved on the shelf made by the inverted coach-seat.

#### RAILROADS.

The first local project for rail communication from Brunswick was broached some time in 1833. No serious attempt toward anything of the sort was inaugurated, however, until 1835. That year the legislature incorporated Elijah P. Pike, Nathaniel Davis, Alfred J. Stone, Charles Stetson, Roger Merrill, Jordan Woodward, Benjamin Pennell, John S. Cushing, and Solomon P. Cushman and their associates, successors, and assigns, "into a body politic and corporate" by the name of the BRUNSWICK RAILROAD COMPANY. This company was authorized "to locate and construct a railroad from the Androscoggin River, near Brunswick village, to some navigable waters of Casco Bay, with one or more branches," and were invested with all the necessary powers to carry their intention into effect. This corporation met June 4th of that year, and adopted a code of by-laws, and

elected their officers. The road, however, was never laid out, and no other meeting of the company is known to have been held.

The first railroad to enter Brunswick was the Kennebec and Portland, which was incorporated in 1836, and was soon after surveyed. In 1845 the time of building was extended ten years, and of locating, five years. On May 1, 1845, the corporators met and chose a committee to confer with a committee of the Bath and Portland Railroad Company, which had been incorporated a short time previously. The result of the conference was a union of the two roads. On August 6th. of this year, a citizens' meeting was held at the Baptist Church, Maine Street, Brunswick, "to adopt measures in relation to the Portland, Bath, and Augusta Railroad." Honorable R. P. Dunlap was chosen chairman, and John D. Coburn, secretary. Speeches in favor of the road were made by the chairman, and by George Evans, of Gardiner, and P. Sheldon, and a committee was chosen to present subscription papers to the citizens. The town of Brunswick, in 1850, voted to loan its credit, to aid in the completion of this road, to the amount of \$75,000. The same year Topsham voted to loan its credit for the same purpose to the amount of \$30,000. The first work upon the railroad, near Brunswick, was commenced in 1847.

In March, 1849, Mr. John S. Cushing was called by the directors of the Kennebec and Portland Railroad to take charge of the grounds now occupied by the depot of the Maine Central Railroad Company, and prepare them for the use of the former company; to provide wood and materials for the construction of the road, which was then in process of building; and to pay the gravel-train men, and others in the employ of the company.

On the ninth of June, 1849, a locomotive steam-engine entered Brunswick for the first time. On the fourth of July, 1849, the track having been laid from Bath to Yarmouth, it was decided to put on a train of gravel cars, and with the first engine, the "Kennebec," and with such accommodations as could be prepared, to run the train back and forth between Bath and Yarmouth for the day, giving every one who desired it a "free ride." Though the train was composed chiefly of dump-cars, and the passengers probably paid for their ride in the discomfort attending it, yet it was to them a new and gratifying experience, and such was the delight of the public that many urged the directors to commence running a passenger train at once. To this request the directors acceded, and without any preparation of books, blanks, or tariffs, the train was put on the fifth of July, and continued to run regularly, carrying passengers

to Yarmouth, and there transferring them to the cars of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad for Portland.

This sudden and unprepared-for event cast a good deal of labor and responsibility upon Mr. Cushing, who at once had tickets printed at the office of Mr. Griffin, for the four stations. In addition to this, freight began to flow on the road, and Mr. Cushing was instructed to fix such rates as he thought proper on all merchandise as it came in.

Mr. Joseph McKen was the first treasurer of the road, and it was by his request that Mr. Cushing did whatever was necessary to meet the emergencies as they arose, and collect all moneys from ticket sales and conductors, and return to him. Thus Brunswick became suddenly a place of importance as the headquarters of the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company, and as the place where the first impulse was given to the trains of this road.

The fares between the stations of the Kennebec and Portland Road and Portland were adjusted on the presumption that the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Company (now the Grand Trunk) would gladly receive so large a contribution of passengers at the same rate, twenty five cents each, at which they transported stage passengers from Yarmouth to Portland. This amount the agent of the Kennebec and Portland Company added to the price of their tickets to Yarmouth, for all Portland passengers. Upon settlement with the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Company, at the close of the month of July, they claimed thirty-five cents, which was their local fare from Yarmouth to Portland, on all passengers coming over the Kennebec and Portland Road. They consented, however, to deduct *one half cent* from each ticket issued by the latter company, obliging them to pay thirty-four and a half cents on each passenger to Portland, although they had only received twenty-five cents each for that portion of the route. This action of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Company was received with great indignation by the directors of the Kennebec and Portland Company. Two members each said that they would be one among ten to build a new road from Yarmouth to Portland, and it was in consequence of the unjust advantage thus taken of their necessities that the road was built about two years subsequently. This, however, was not the only disagreement between the two companies. The directors of the Kennebec and Portland Company solicited the other company to put down a third rail, and allow their trains (of a different gauge) to run on that road to Portland. This the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Company, speaking through their engineer, declared impracticable. After the new road



was contracted for, however, they offered to give this accommodation, but were told, in reply, that it was then "impracticable." Thus the short-sighted policy of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Company's directors was the cause of the building of the new road into Portland.<sup>1</sup>

Included in the purchase of the depot lot was a small, one-story, unfinished wooden building, which stood near Maine Street. This was hastily fitted up with ladies' and gentlemen's rooms, and a ticket-office between the two. The L was used for a baggage-room. The accommodations for passengers were small and poorly arranged. The building stood much nearer Maine Street than the present one. After the second depot was built, the first one was moved over to the north, next to the building once occupied by Isaac Center, and, at a later date by Mr. Poland, and was occupied by Ezekiel Thompson, the first baggage-master. It is still owned by the railroad company and leased by them as a dwelling. At the time the first depot was prepared, John S. Cushing acted as station agent, and George French as switchman. This was the force as organized at Brunswick, which was the *headquarters* of the road at that time.

The first engine went over the railroad bridge across the Androscoggin, below the falls, on the thirteenth of December, 1850, and cars ran to Augusta not long afterwards. The Topsham depot was erected in 1850-51.

The first large depot in Brunswick was finished in July, 1855. It was one hundred and sixty feet in length and about one hundred feet in width, including the two wings, the main body of the building being sixty feet in width, with a height of fifty-two feet to the ridge-pole. Three tracks ran through it. The north wing was divided into a ticket-office, with public waiting-rooms for gentlemen and ladies on either side, a refreshment-room, and a baggage-room. Space was also left for a stairway into the upper story of the building, where it was intended to have some of the office rooms of the company. The south wing was used for freight. This depot was burned in 1857. The present building was erected soon after. It is much larger now than it was originally, having received additions several times since its erection. Until 1870 there were but two tracks running through the depot, and the southern side of the building, where the third track is now, was used for the freight department. The freight-office

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<sup>1</sup> This matter, though rather beyond the scope of this History, is introduced here as a matter of interest to our citizens, and because it has never before appeared in print.

and telegraph-office were in the southeastern corner. The waiting-rooms, refreshment-room, and ticket-office were small and inconvenient. In 1870 the present freight depot was built, and the passenger depot was enlarged and improved. Since then the refreshment-saloon and the ticket-office have been still further improved.

In the latter part of 1849, Mr. Cushing was taken into the office of Treasurer McKeen as book-keeper, in the place of Mr. George F. Dunning, who removed to Philadelphia.

In 1851, Mr. McKeen resigned his treasurership, and Mr. A. H. Gilman, of Portland, was elected; and in the following year the treasurer's office was removed to Augusta, where Mr. Cushing was continued as general ticket agent and freight accountant until 1857, when he was elected treasurer. In this capacity he has been continued through the different organizations of Portland and Kennebec and Maine Central Railroad Companies to the present time, — a period of twenty years. The length of the Kennebec and Portland Railroad was twenty-four miles in 1849, and that of the Maine Central in 1871 was three hundred and fifty-five miles.<sup>1</sup>

The LEWISTON AND TOPSHAM RAILROAD COMPANY was formed about 1853, with Francis T. Purinton, of Topsham, as its president. A road between these two places was surveyed but never laid out, and the company failed to do anything. This company was, however, the forerunner of the ANDROSCOGGIN RAILROAD, work on which was commenced in 1860, and the first trains on which ran regularly in October, 1861.

As illustrative of the difference in travel between the present and former times, it may be stated that in 1819, the time of travel between Brunswick and Boston was ordinarily three days, the very quickest being two and a half days, and the expense attending a trip was twelve dollars. Now, the time required is but six hours, and the expense three dollars and a quarter. Then there was one stage daily in each direction, passing through Brunswick. For a number of years after the railroad went into operation, there was but one passenger train a day each way, and the trains seldom had more than two passenger cars and a baggage car. At the same time a thrice-weekly freight train, each way, was all that was required.

Now, four passenger trains each way are run on the main line, with

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<sup>1</sup> For most of the facts given in the foregoing account we are indebted to Mr. Cushing, whose connection with this road from its first inception up to the present time renders his statements entitled to the fullest credence.

from two to eight cars in each, and there are two regular freight trains each way daily, besides almost daily extra trains. In addition to these trains, there are on the Bath branch six trains daily, each way, including freight trains, and on the Lewiston branch there are four trains each way daily, including freight trains.

#### NAVIGATION.

In the very earliest times, before the era of stages or even of the introduction of horses to this region, before roads were even thought of, the travel was conducted exclusively by means of boats and vessels. The pioneer settlers always located themselves at or near the head of some navigable stream. It should be remembered that in those times the streams were all undammed and were all of them navigable for much larger craft than at present. Large vessels might then come to the foot of the falls of the Pejepscot without difficulty, and it was even possible to tow boats over the rapids.<sup>1</sup>

The earliest provision made for a boat of any size for use in this vicinity was in 1716. At a meeting of the proprietors, held February 21, of that year, it was voted, "That a proper boat be provided by Messrs. Minot & Watts with sails, oars, etc."<sup>2</sup> The intention of this vote may have been to furnish a boat for travel upon the river, but as the proprietors soon after purchased a sloop called the *Pejepsco*, for the purpose of establishing communication with Boston,<sup>3</sup> it is probable that the latter object was what was intended by their vote.

The next vessel to which reference is to be found was the sloop *Maquoit*, which was built by the proprietors and was used in carrying lumber and provisions between Maquoit and Boston.

There is some uncertainty as to whom belongs the credit of building the first vessel in this region, though it is probable that it was built on the New Meadows River. According to one authority, it was built by John Lemont, in 1745,<sup>4</sup> but by another it is said to have been constructed by George Harwood (with others).<sup>5</sup> Probably it was the same vessel, and more than one or two were interested in it.

The first vessel constructed at Middle Bay or Maquoit was built previous to the Revolution by Robert Dunning. The exact time is

<sup>1</sup> *Maine Historical Collection*, 3, p. 318.

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepsco Records*.

<sup>3</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture*.

<sup>4</sup> *Lemont, Historical Dates of Bath, etc.*, p. 52.

<sup>5</sup> *McKeen, in Brunswick Telegraph*, "Gleanings," No. 4.



not known. In 1753 there were three sloops owned at Maquoit and New Meadows.<sup>1</sup>

In 1767 the schooner *Unity*, of Topsham, is mentioned in Brigadier Thompson's papers.

The first vessel launched above the Chops and the second above Bath was built by John Patten, William Patten, John Fulton, and Adam Hunter, of Topsham, about the year 1768. She was a sloop of about ninety tons, and was named the *Merry Meeting*. She was built for the purpose of coasting to Boston. When she was launched all the people in the neighboring towns came to see her, and were provided with a dinner. Captain William Patten was master of the *Merry Meeting*. He loaded her with wood and went to Boston and sold it for \$1.50 per cord, two thirds of which went to the owners. At other times she was loaded with boards and timber.

Wages at that time were very low. Howard, the shipwright who built the *Merry Meeting*, received four shillings per day. He lived at New Meadows. Captains in the West India business received four pounds per month; mates, three pounds; seamen's wages were about six dollars. The sails and rigging for the *Merry Meeting* were purchased of Mr. Hooper ("King" Hooper he was called), of Salem.<sup>2</sup>

The *Defiance* was afterwards built and owned, principally, by John Patten. She was employed in coasting to Boston<sup>3</sup>

The schooner *Industry*, the first that ever went to the West Indies from the Kennebec, was owned by John Patten, his son Robert, his son-in-law Robert Fulton, Mr. Jameson, and Captain Harward. She was built about 1772. Captain James Maxwell was master. She was loaded the first time with boards, shingles, and four masts. A part of the boards were sawed at Cathance Mills and the rest at Topsham Falls. They were sold for four dollars per thousand. Captain Maxwell went twice to the West Indies in the *Industry*. She was sold during the Revolutionary war for paper money. Captain Robert Patten's eighth part enabled him to buy a horse and saddle for four hundred dollars.<sup>4</sup>

About 1790 the *Spardwell*, a coaster of ninety-seven tons' burden, under command of the Captain McLellan who married Molly Finney, ran between Brunswick and Boston. On one of her trips she landed at Bunganock, and took on board ninety cords of wood for Boston. The price here was three shillings and ninepence, and at Boston,

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<sup>1</sup> Memorandum on cover of Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collections.

<sup>2</sup> Dr. Ellis. Notes of Robert Patten.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

twelve shillings per cord. The crew were four in number, and the average wages of each was seven dollars per month.

Several vessels were owned in Brunswick in 1790. On September 13, 1791, John Peterson made a request to the selectmen of Brunswick for an abatement of the tax on "one of my vessels, as she was cast ashore last Christmas day on Cape Cod, and by that accident I lost the value of one year's earnings of said schooner."<sup>1</sup>

The brig *Hope* was built in Brunswick by William Stanwood and John Dunlap, a short time previous to 1800. They sold a portion to Richard Tappan. In January, 1800, she sailed from Bath for Barbadoes, West Indies, loaded with about one hundred and thirty thousand feet of boards, and one hundred and five thousand shingles and other small lumber. The crew consisted of Richard Tappan, master; John Dunlap, Junior, mate; and Melzer House, John McDonald, Noah Moulton, Thomas Stanwood, and Philip Cornish, seamen. They reached Barbadoes safely, and from thence proceeded to the island of Tobago, where Captain Tappan met with a Mr. Kerr, of Grenada, to whom he sold his cargo of boards at the rate of forty dollars per thousand, and the shingles at four or five dollars per thousand, to be delivered at the island of Grenada. They sailed from Tobago on the third of March, and the same night, between Tobago and Grenada, they were boarded and taken possession of by a French privateer from Gaudaloupe. All the crew except the captain were taken out, and the brig was sent into Basseterre, Gaudaloupe, where she was condemned. The first officer and crew were imprisoned, but through the interference of a Danish merchant they were released and went on board of a vessel which he had purchased there and went with him to Santa Cruz. From thence they went to Saint Thomas, where they waited for an American convoy from St. Kitts, which arrived in a few days. With this convoy was the brig *Hannibal*, owned by the Dunlaps, commanded by Captain Nehemiah Peterson. This brig had also been taken by a French privateer, but had been retaken by the United States man-of-war *John Adams*. Captain Tappan and John Dunlap returned home in the *Hannibal*, the rest of the crew in the *Iris*, commanded by Captain Samuel Snow.

About the year 1800 the ship-yard at Brunswick called Skolfield's was constructed, and vessels began to be built there.

About the year 1802 a vessel of sixty-three tons was built at Lisbon by a Captain Woodward, launched into the Androscoggin during

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*.

a freshet and brought down as far as the booms above the upper dam. Here she was taken out of the water and hauled on rollers through the woods to what is now McKeen Street, thence down Maine Street to the cove, where she was again launched into the river and did good service for about twenty-five years. Dean Swift well remembers the circumstance, though but a boy at the time. He says one hundred yoke of oxen were employed in hauling the vessel on the land.

In 1808, Mr. Robert Given built a gunboat for the United States navy, in a yard a little north of the ship-yard of the Skolfields, on Harpswell Neck. The contract, still preserved, was for thirty dollars per ton, the iron to cost twelve dollars and fifty cents per one hundred pounds, the vessel to be heavily timbered, and the gun-deck to be of white oak and yellow pine.

In 1819, George F. Patten & Brothers built the brig *Statira*, of one hundred and eighty-three tons, at Muddy River, Topsham.

About 1820 there were in the neighborhood of 1,000 tons of shipping in Brunswick and Topsham, and about 2,000 tons in Harpswell, besides numerous small fishing-vessels. On September 20, of this year, the shipping list of the *Maine Intelligencer* contained the announcement of the arrival at Brunswick of the brig *America*, Otis, from Martinique, with one hundred and forty-six hogsheads of molasses consigned to the owners, Messrs. Dunlap; of the sloop *Eliza*, Douglas (regular packet), from Boston; of the brig *Maine*, Sylvester, with a cargo of molasses and sugar, and schooner *Susan*, Rodick, from the southward, both to D. Stone and others.

The brig *Maine* appears to have been a regular packet, as this same list, under date of September 29, mentions its arrival from Boston, together with the sloop *Ambition*, with freight and passengers. A brig also arrived the same day from Bath.

A wharf was built about this time on the New Meadows River, and one, seven hundred and fifty feet in length, at Maquoit.<sup>1</sup>

Pennell's ship-yard, at Middle Bay, was built about 1822. Wharves were also erected on the west side of Maquoit Bay about this time.

In 1823 a small schooner called the *Elizabeth*, which was built about 1793 on Sebascodegan Island, was cast away at the southern part of Condy's Point in the month of February. The crew, consisting of four men, were all badly frost-bitten. They were taken care of by the good people on the island until they were sufficiently recovered to go to their homes in Massachusetts. The schooner was loaded with fruit, groceries, and spirit.

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<sup>1</sup> Putnam, *Description of Brunswick*.



About the same year a vessel was built at Durham and hauled over land to Maquoit. It was built by a person of doubtful gender, who at first wore woman's apparel and afterwards changed them for man's, and who was at first called Hannah, but afterwards Stover.

Not far from this time Mr. Robert Labish built a vessel of about four hundred tons in Topsham. He had his lumber all ready at Lisbon to be conveyed to Topsham, but the winter being mild and the roads bare, he was unable to have it carried where he wished. Being a man of energy and determination, he went with a party of men, and, guided by a compass, cut a road through the woods to Lisbon, and hauled his timber through it. This road (not a highway) is still in existence, and is called Labish's Road.

In the winter of 1824, Mr. Godfrey, of Topsham, built a vessel in Lisbon and had it conveyed on runners to Topsham, where it was launched. The experiment was a costly one, as the expense of getting her to Topsham more than offset the cheapness of the materials at Lisbon.

October 11, 1825, the sloop *Ambition*, owned by Samuel Lemont, of Brunswick, and commanded by a Captain Perkins, went ashore at Sandy Bay, on Cape Ann, Massachusetts, on her way to Brunswick, and went to pieces. She had a full cargo of dry goods, valued at \$10,000, none of which was insured. A part was saved; however, in a damaged condition. The goods were for Messrs. Stone & Morse, E. Earle & Co., O. Nichols, and William Snowdon, of Brunswick, J. Dwinal, of Lisbon, and the Maine Cotton and Woollen Factory, of Brunswick.

March 27, 1830, during a severe northeast snow-storm, several sloops in Maquoit Bay were stranded and a portion of the wharf there was carried away.

What is known now as the New Wharf Ship-Yard was first used as such in 1830. The new wharf itself was built in 1837, by Captain Anthony Chase, Captain William Stanwood, Israel Simpson, Samuel Dunning, Captain Robert Simpson, Captain John Given, David Dunlap, Doctor Isaac Lincoln, and Stone & Morse.<sup>1</sup> Its cost was between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

The earliest reference to what is known as the Alfred White Ship-Yard, in Topsham, is in 1842. On October 8, of that year, the brig *Bernard*, of one hundred and sixty tons, owned by B. C. Bailey, of Bath, was launched there.

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<sup>1</sup>Samuel Dunning.

The first regular packet vessel, excepting those under the control of the proprietors, is believed to have been the sloop *Friendship*. In May, 1814, she was advertised to ply between Portland, Harpswell, Bath, and Brunswick, coming up the New Meadows River to the Turnpike bridge, until she could have permission to go round Small Point, and then she was to run to Hallowell and Augusta, as usual.<sup>1</sup> She was, possibly, debarred from going up the Kennebec in consequence of the smuggling carried on at that time between Augusta and Castine, the latter being then under British authority.

The next packet to which any reference has been found was the sloop *Caroline*, Skolfield, master, which was advertised on September 9, 1824, to sail from Brunswick for Norfolk and Baltimore. She had "superior accommodations for eight or ten passengers."

On April 1, 1829, the sloop *Hope*, Captain Connelly, having been completely repaired, was advertised to ply regularly between Bourne's Wharf, at New Meadows, and Boston. The *Hope* continued on this route for several years.

On March 24, 1830, the packet *Maquoit*, Captain Anthony Chase, was advertised to ply between Brunswick and Portland. At the same time the sloop *Orlando*, Captain Dunning, was advertised to go between Maquoit and Boston.

March 7, 1834, the sloop *Union*, Captain Jordan Woodward, was advertised to make regular trips between Maquoit and Boston. In 1836 the schooner *Boston* took her place on this route.

In 1842 the "new and splendid" schooner *Alice*, Captain Robert Chase, made regular trips between Brunswick and Boston, touching at Portland. Her first trip was on May fourth. She was built expressly for this route and contained "superior accommodations for passengers." On June fifteenth, of the same year, an opposition packet, the schooner *Accommodation*, Captain Anthony Morse, was put upon the same route.

Some uncertainty exists as to the first steamer which ever made its appearance on the Androscoggin. Mr. Dean Swift, who has an excellent memory, and whose statements relative to many other events have been proved by recorded facts to be remarkably correct, says that the first steamer was a small, flat-bottomed one that was built about 1819, in Wiscasset, by a lawyer of the name of Gordon; that he came up the Androscoggin in this little steamer, and then returned to Wiscasset with her. Mr. Swift says, furthermore, that a year or

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<sup>1</sup> *North's History of Augusta*, p. 417.

two later Gordon built another small, flat-bottomed steamboat at Brunswick, and went with her to Hallowell and thence to Bath, where he sold her to Jere Hunt, who took her to New Meadows, cut her in two, and made two gondolas of her. This statement is undoubtedly *substantially* correct. Mr. Samuel Dunning, however, thinks Gordon built his steamer on the Androscoggin as early as 1816, and he is positive that it was sold to the owners of Maquoit Wharf, and not to Mr. Hunt.

Lemont<sup>1</sup> says that the first steamer which ever went up the *Kennebec* was the *Tom Thumb*. He says she was brought down from Boston in tow of a packet in 1818, and steamed up the river; that she was an open boat, about twenty-five or thirty feet long, with side wheels and with her machinery all in sight. He says, further, that the second steamer was fitted up on Governor King's Wharf, in Bath, in 1822, and that she was a flat-bottomed boat, and was called the *Kennebec*.

This statement conflicts with that of Mr. Swift only so far as relates to the Kennebec River. Very likely the *Tom Thumb* was the first steamer to ascend the Kennebec, and the fact of a steamer coming from Wiscasset to Brunswick and Topsham a year later may not have come to the knowledge of Mr. Lemont.

In 1823 the steamer *Patent*, Captain Porter, which had just been put on the route between Boston and Bath,<sup>2</sup> touched at Pennell's Wharf at Commencement time at Bowdoin College. In 1824<sup>3</sup> she ran between Boston and St. John, Nova Scotia. In 1825<sup>4</sup> she was advertised to run between New Wharf, in Brunswick, and Portland. It is thought she made but a few trips to New Wharf before her landing-place was changed to Bourne's Wharf, at New Meadows, where a stage for Bath connected with her.<sup>5</sup>

The first and only steamboat that ever made regular trips to Middle Bay was the *Flushing*, Captain Robert Chase, which plied regularly between Portland and New Wharf from 1846 to 1849. J. S. Cushing was the agent. No steamboat is known to have ever run regularly from Maquoit.

The steamboat *Rough and Ready* used to go up and down the Androscoggin, about 1847, on excursions.

On May 12, 1855, the steamboat *Victor*, built by Master Sampson, and owned by John R. Hebbard, F. T. Littlefield, and Mr. Woodside,

<sup>1</sup> *Historical Dates of Bath, etc.*, pp. 71, 72.

<sup>2</sup> *History of Camden*, p. 153.

<sup>4</sup> *Advertisement*.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> *Traditional*.



was launched at Topsham. She was well modelled and thoroughly built, was eighty feet long and twenty-four feet beam. Her engine was rated at forty horse-power. John R. Hebbard commanded her. She was intended for pleasure excursions and for a tow-boat. She made her first pleasure trip about the first of June. She was the first steamboat ever built in Topsham, and the second built on the Androscoggin.

In 1856 the pleasure-boat *Elijah Kellogg*, twenty-two feet in keel and seven feet in beam, built by John Given, was advertised to take pleasure parties from Pennell's or Chase's Wharf. She was built expressly for this business, and is thought to be the first of the kind built here. There are numerous pleasure-yachts owned here at the present day.

#### TELEGRAPH.

The first movement for a telegraph office in Brunswick was in 1853. On August 6, of that year, a meeting was held at the Tontine Hotel to take some action relative to securing the establishment of a telegraph office in the town. Remarks were made by General A. B. Thompson, Honorable C. J. Gilman, and General J. C. Humphreys. Messrs. W. G. Barrows, C. J. Noyes, and T. S. McLellan were appointed a committee to procure the necessary information upon which to proceed, and the meeting adjourned to be called together again by the chairman, Colonel A. J. Stone, whenever the committee were ready to report. There is no report of another meeting, but the exertions of this committee undoubtedly led the way to the establishment of an office in town. The telegraph office was opened for the first time to the public in Brunswick, in January, 1854.

The line was owned by the Maine Telegraph Company, and its wires extended from Boston to Calais. This line was afterwards leased to the American Telegraph Company, and still later to the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The first operator in Brunswick was M. H. Prescott. The office was situated on the corner of Maine Street and the depot grounds. It was afterwards removed to the depot, where, with the exception of a single year, it has remained.

The only opposition line east of Portland, previous to 1877, was that of the International Telegraph Company, which established an office in Brunswick in 1867. In 1872 the line was sold to the Western Union Company, and the instruments were removed to their office.

In 1877 the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company opened an office in Brunswick.

#### EXPRESSES AND HACKS.

Upon the completion of the railroad in 1849, Carpenter & Co. established an express route and opened an office in Brunswick on the first day of August of that year. Mr. A. L. Stanwood was appointed agent, and the office was in his store under the Mason Street Church. Subsequently the company consolidated with other companies under the name of the Eastern Express Company. In 1852 the office was moved to a building which stood on the lot opposite the foot of the mall, where Eaton's harness-shop is now. A few years later the building and office were removed to their present location adjoining the Tontine Hotel. Mr. Stanwood has continued the agent up to the present time, and it is worthy of record that during all this time he has not been absent from duty for any cause, excepting for one day about the year 1854.

The first public carriage other than stages was run to the depot by a Mr. Bean, upon the first opening of the road in 1849, and for a few years subsequently. Mr. Ephraim Griffin began during the same year, and has served the public faithfully as a hackman from that time to the present. Other persons have owned or driven public carriages for a longer or shorter time.

## CHAPTER XI.

## BURIAL-PLACES AND EPITAPHS.

“I WOULD rather,” remarks Edmund Burke, “*sleep in the southern corner of a little country churchyard than in the tomb of the Capulets*”; and doubtless the same sentiment is felt, if not expressed, by many whose departed friends repose in rural graveyards.

The method of conducting funerals in olden times was substantially the same as at present, so far as relates to the performance or non-performance of religious rites. The mode of carrying the remains of the dead, however, from the house to their last resting-place, was slightly different.

Previous to the introduction of the first hearse, in 1818 in Brunswick, and still later in Topsham and Harpswell, bodies were carried to the grave on stretchers and the coffin covered with a pall. In Brunswick, the pall was kept, at one time, by Mrs. Benjamin Stone. Usually eight men accompanied the corpse, four carrying it until tired and then being relieved by the other four. The stretchers, or biers, were made of poles, young trees with the bark on, and were discarded after being once used. They were not made for permanent use, but were hastily made for each occasion.

Many of the burying-grounds in this vicinity are of old date. The earliest one in Brunswick of which there is any record or tradition was situated about midway between Bow and Mill Streets, fronting on Maine Street. It was just south of and adjoining the stone fort built by Governor Andross in 1689. This graveyard was used for the burial of the dead until about the time of the incorporation of the town. In this yard was the stone marking the burial-place of Benjamin Larrabee, agent of the Pejepscot proprietors, one of the commanders of Fort George, and the ancestor of the Larrabees now living in this vicinity. Here also were the gravestones of Robert and Andrew Dunning, who were killed by the Indians at Mason’s rock. The site of this yard is now covered with buildings.

Another graveyard, probably of still earlier date, though nothing whatever is known in regard to it, was situated on what is now a portion of Woodlawn Street, on the estate of Miss Narcissa Stone.



On the thirty-first of May, 1856, two skeletons were exhumed by the workmen engaged in grading the street. It is not unreasonable to suppose that these were the remains of some of Purchase's fishermen, and if so, they were undoubtedly the first white people buried in this village, though perhaps not the first in the town.

The old graveyard of the First Parish, Brunswick, situated one mile south of the colleges, has been occupied as such since 1735. In this burying-ground are many stones the inscriptions upon which are illegible, and in some instances the stones themselves have crumbled to pieces, so that only a small portion of each one remains. Of those which can be deciphered the following are of interest on account of their age, the quaintness of the inscriptions, or the character of those they commemorate:—

HERE LYETH THE BO  
DY OF M<sup>R</sup> ANDREW  
DUNING  
WHO DEPARTED THIS  
LIFE JANUARY THE  
18<sup>TH</sup> ANNODOM  
1736  
AGED 72 Y<sup>RS</sup>.

1660 Charles 2<sup>d</sup>

1685 James 2<sup>d</sup>

1689 W<sup>m</sup> & Mary

1702 Queen Ann

1714 George 1<sup>st</sup>

1727 George 2<sup>d</sup>

1664

1666 London  
Burnt

HERE LYES BURIED THE BODY OF  
SAMUEL MOODY, ESQ.  
one of his Majesty's Justs of y<sup>e</sup>  
Peace for the County of York  
& Commander of his Majestys Fort  
George at Brunswick who D'ceas'd  
Sept. 22-1758.

Sacred

TO THE MEMORY OF  
REV. ROBERT DUNLAP.  
First settled minister of Brunswick,  
Born in Ireland, Aug. 1715  
Educated in Edinburgh;  
Came to America, June 1736:  
Settled at Brunswick, 1747;  
Died June 26, 1775,  
Æt. 60.

"Behold a Sower went forth to sow."

The two following epitaphs are from stones in the old Baptist Burying-Ground, at Maquoit. This graveyard was first used as such about 1794.

The first epitaph reads thus :—

“To be much lov'd in life much mourn'd in death,  
A widow'd husband of a wife bereft,  
With tears inscribes this monumental stone,  
Which holds her ashes and expects his own.”

The second is evidently that of a man accustomed to serious and deep thought. It runs thus :—

“This languishing head is at rest,  
Its thinking and aching are o'er.”

The old burying-ground at New Meadows was first used as such some time in the latter part of the last century. It contains the headstones of many former residents of that part of the town, but there are none that require particular notice here.

The burying-ground at “Growstown” in Brunswick was first used about 1813. The following inscriptions are found in it :—

In memory of  
ELD GEORGE LAMB  
who departed this life  
Dec 14 - 1836  
Æt 48

Mr. Lamb was converted to God at the age of 15 and engaged in the ministry at the age of 23. He laboured faithfully in his Masters service 25 years and died in full assurance of a blessed immortality beyond the grave.

Remember how he spake unto you when he was yet with you.

The following epitaph, which appears to us entitled to an insertion here, is to be found in this graveyard :—

“Dear husband while you *spill* your tears  
In numbering o'er past happy years,  
But yet remember while you weep,  
With me you in the grave must sleep;  
But the last trumpet we shall hear,  
Before our God we must appear,  
And then with Jesus we shall reign  
And never part nor weep again.”

Pine Grove Cemetery, in the village of Brunswick, a short distance east of the colleges, was laid out in the year 1825. The land

originally was a part of the college grounds, but in 1821 it was deeded, by vote of the trustees, to Robert Eastman, Nahum Houghton, Abner Bourne, “and their associates, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns,” so long as it should be used for the interment of the dead, and if not so used, to revert to the college. The amount of land thus deeded was two acres, which was bounded as follows, “Beginning at the southwesterly side of the old County Road leading to Bath, at a stake and stone at or near the angle which it makes with the Bath turnpike, and running by said turnpike west 20°, north 12 rods, thence south 20°, west  $26\frac{2}{3}$  rods, thence east 20°, south 12 rods, and thence north 20°, east  $26\frac{2}{3}$  rods to the first boundary.” The trustees also reserved the exclusive right at all times to hold as a place of interment for the dead “that part of the premises extending from said turnpike road on the westerly line of said lot, eighteen rods in length, and one and a half rods in breadth,” subject only to such general regulations as should be binding upon other owners of lots.<sup>1</sup>

This cemetery is pleasantly situated, with handsome grounds and walks, which are kept in good order; it is enclosed with a neat and ornamental fence, and contains many handsome monuments and memorial tablets. Major Lemuel Swift was the first person buried here. Among the monuments and headstones to be seen there are those of Presidents McKeen and Appleton; Professors Cleaveland, Upham, and Smyth; and Governor Dunlap.

The tomb of President McKeen is in the extreme northwestern angle of the cemetery, the head toward Bath Street. In form, this tomb is an oblong rectangle, covering the grave, and about three feet in height. The pedestal is of Egyptian marble, and is surmounted by a heavy slab of white marble, which bears the following inscription:—

H. S. E.

QUOD MORTALE FUIT

VIRI ADMODUM REVERENDI,

DNI JOSEPHI MCKEEN, S. T. D.

AC COLLEGI BOWDOINENSIS PRÆSIDIS PRIM.

Natus est Octob. die XV. Anno Dom. MDCCLVII,

in Republicâ Neo-Hautoniensi,

ubi primò in literis humanioribus institutus,

honores attigit Academicos.

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<sup>1</sup> *From original deed.*



Postea VERBI DIVINI ministerio apud Beverleam,  
 in Republicâ Massachusettensi,  
 annos septendecim  
 strenuè juxta, ac benignè perfunctus est.  
 Novissimè autem, Nostratum omnium favore,  
 ac præcipuè doctorum piorumque,  
 Collegium hic loci auspiciato fundatum,  
 quinque vix annos,  
 eâ, quâ par est, dignitate et sapentiâ,  
 fideliter, feliciter rexit;  
 donec, morbo Hydropico impeditus,  
 Julii die XV? Ann. MDCCCVII, in Domino abdormivit.  
 Ingenio fuit sagaci, judicio imprimis acerrimo,  
 priscorum temporum gravitate æmulus,  
 moribus autem facilis,  
 et benevolentîâ omninò Christianus.  
 Pietatem, doctrinam, artes optimas,  
 quoniam gnaviter excolebat ipse,  
 in aliis semper amavit, et quoad potuit, auxit.

M. S.

Monumentum hocce,  
 luctus, eheu! solamen leve,  
 at testimonium tamen,

SENATVS ACADEMICVS,

P. C.<sup>1</sup>

In the adjoining lot south is the monument of President Appleton. Its form is the same as that of President McKeen. The following is the inscription:—

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<sup>1</sup> Here is buried what was mortal of the reverend and most learned man, Joseph McKeen, S. T. D., the first president of Bowdoin College. He was born October 15. A. D. 1742, in the State of New Hampshire, where, first of all, instructed in secular learning, he attained academic honors. Afterwards he discharged, actively as well as kindly, the duty of a minister of the Gospel, at Beverly, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for seventeen years. But lately, a college having been auspiciously founded here in this town, not quite five years, with the approbation of all our countrymen, and especially of the educated and pious, he presided over it, as is meet, with dignity and wisdom, faithfully and fortunately, until, embarrassed by a dropsical disease, on the fifteenth day of July, in the year 1807, he fell asleep in the Lord. He was a Christian of sagacious mind, of especially acute discernment, in dignity emulous of former times, but courteous in manner and uniformly kind. He always loved in others, as he himself diligently cultivated, piety, education, the best occupations, and, so far as he could, he promoted them. Sacred to the memory, This monument of grief, alas! slight consolation, but yet a testimony, the Academic Council have caused to be placed.

Huic tumulo mandantur reliquiæ  
 REV. JESSE APPLETON, S. T. D.  
 MARITI DESIDERATISSIMI. PATRIS OPTIMI.  
 ALMEQUE NOSTRÆ ACADEMIÆ  
 SECUNDI PRESIDIS.  
 Vir fuit ingenii acumine insignis, moribus  
 compositis, ac aspectu benigno,  
 majestatem quondam præ  
 se ferente;  
 sed morti inexorabili nihil est sanctum.  
 Eruditione magna,  
 inter literatorum principes justissime collocandus;  
 at theologicæ scientiæ lauream præcipue meritus:  
 hac enim, quo homines audeant,  
 cognovit et tentavit.  
 Integra fide, disciplinaque salutari,  
 duodecim annos,  
 res Academicas administravit.  
 Nimiis tandem vigiliis laboribusque consumptus,  
 sublimii ejus animo supernis intento,  
 ad quietem se contulit.  
 Ita vixit, ut omnes moribundi, sic se vixisse,  
 velint; ita mortuus est,  
 ut omnes, sic se morituros esse, optarent:  
 tamen voluit inscribi, se salutem sperasse in Jesu.  
 Natus est Novem<sup>is</sup> die 17<sup>mo</sup>.  
 Anno Domini MDCCLXXII.  
 Obiit Novem<sup>is</sup> die 12<sup>mo</sup> Anno  
 Domini MDCCCXIX.<sup>1</sup>

On the south end of the tomb is inscribed:—

Senatus Academiæ Bowdoinensis,  
 summa reverentia,  
 hoc monumentum posuerunt.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> To this tomb are committed the remains of Reverend Jesse Appleton, S. T. D. The most regretted husband, the best father, and the revered second president of our college. He was a man distinguished by acuteness of mind, composed manners, and benign aspect, occasionally manifesting dignity: but nothing is sacred to inexorable death. Of great erudition, most justly placed amongst the first of teachers, but especially deserving the laurel in theological knowledge: for this, where men may presume, he examined and tested. He administered the affairs of the college with incorruptible fidelity and with salutary discipline for twelve years. At length, worn out by excessive vigils and labors, his exalted mind fixed upon celestial things, he betook himself to rest. He so lived as all who are at the point of death may wish themselves to have lived: thus he died, as all themselves about to die might desire. Yet he wished it to be inscribed that he hoped for salvation in Jesus. He was born November 17, 1772. He died November 12, 1819.

<sup>2</sup> The trustees and overseers of Bowdoin College, with the greatest reverence, have erected this monument.

In the third lot south of President Appleton's is the monument of Professor Smyth. It is a heavy, rectangular pillar of granite, about ten feet in height. The pedestal bears the family name, while on the northern side of the shaft is the following inscription:—

WILLIAM SMYTH

born Feb. 2d 1797, died April 4th 1868.

Below this is the name of his wife, with the date of her birth and death, and on the eastern side is a record of the names and dates of birth and death of several children.

The second lot south of Professor Smyth's contains the monument of Professor Cleaveland, a plain yet elegant granite sarcophagus. On the eastern side it bears the words "Parker Cleaveland"; on the south end is the date of his birth, 1780, while on the north is that of his death, 1852. Two headstones of white marble, one upon the east and one upon the west, mark the resting-places of wife and daughter.

The monument of Professor Upham stands in the next lot southward of Professor Cleaveland's. This also, like the two last, is of plain granite, and is in form an obelisk. The pedestal is proportionately large, and bears on the western side the initials T. C. U.; while on the south side is the date of birth, 1799, and on the north are the figures 1872, the date of his death. The plinth bears the family name in distinct raised letters.

The Dunlap monument is situated near the principal entrance to the cemetery. It consists of a base, sub-base, plinth, die,—with three marble tablets inserted,—cap, and bust of Dunlap. It is, without the bust, ten feet, four inches high, and of granite, though the bust is of marble. It was made by Simmons. Upon the north tablet is the following inscription:—

To the Memory  
of

ROBERT PINCKNEY DUNLAP,

who was three times

GRAND MASTER

of the

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

and

filled the highest places in the

Masonic Fraternity

of the State and the

UNITED STATES,



This monument is erected by the  
 FREE MASONS  
 of the  
 STATE OF MAINE.  
 They knew his virtues;  
 They honor his memory.

On the west side:—

ROBERT P. DUNLAP  
 was  
 GOVERNOR OF MAINE  
 from 1834 to 1838.  
 He had been  
 Representative, Senator, and  
 twice President of the Senate,  
 in the State Legislature;  
 and Executive Councillor; and was  
 afterwards representative in  
 Congress and Collector of the  
 Port of Portland.  
 He honored  
 every position he was called to fill  
 by an able and faithful discharge  
 of its duties.  
 THE STATE  
 gives to his memory the tribute  
 of its respect by inscribing  
 upon this tablet its grateful  
 recollection of his many virtues  
 and its high appreciation of  
 his public services.

On the east side is the following:—

DEAREST  
 TO THE NEAREST:  
 BEST  
 TO THEM WHO KNEW HIM BEST.  
 In Christ here:  
 With Christ forever.  
 Died  
 Oct. 20, 1859.  
 Æt. 65.  
 Inscribed  
 by wife and children  
 in loving and reverent  
 remembrance.

One of the oldest graveyards in town is that at New Meadows in the woods near Bartlett Adams's, where rest the remains of several

members of the Thompson family. There are other burying grounds in Brunswick, some of which are of recent dates and require no particular mention in these pages.

The oldest burying-ground in Topsham of which there are now any traces was in the vicinity of James Mustard's residence, about two miles from the village on the road to Merrymeeting Bay. There are but three or four stones remaining. They are of slate, and are in a good state of preservation. They are in the woods about a third of a mile from the road. The earliest date given upon these stones is 1752. and the latest 1771.

The burying-ground near the old First Parish Meeting-House is the oldest in this town of which there is any *record*.

In 1769 the town purchased of James Hunter "the land on the south side of the county road where the graveyard is," paying therefor three pounds; and the same year the town appropriated £5 6s. 8d. "for fencing the graveyard, nine rods square, with white oak or cedar posts and good boards, with a good gate, with a lock and key, the fence to be five feet high." There are a few stones, the inscriptions upon which are illegible, whether from greater age or poorer slate cannot be determined. The earliest date to be found upon any stone is 1769. The following are a few of the more interesting inscriptions to be found in this burying ground: —

HIC JACENT SEPULTA  
the Remains of  
PHILIP G. HOYT PHYSICIAN  
who died June 24<sup>th</sup> 1790  
ÆTATIS 36.

I'm to this silent Grave retired,  
Though once esteemed and desired;  
All human ills had once a place,  
And weighed justly in this breast,  
All mortal griefs are now past o'er,  
A broken heart can bleed no more.

PHILIP G. HOYT'S EPITAPH ON HIMSELF Nov y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1789.

Sacred to the memory of  
JOHN REED ESQUIRE,

A Capt in the late American War where he served with reputation till obliged to retire in consequence of a wound received in an action a little preceding the capture of Genl Burgoine and army. He so far recovered his health and activity that he was elected to and sustained the office of Lt. Col. till his death.

He was an affectionate Husband and Parent and his hospitality endeared him to many who mourned his departure which was suddenly, in a paroxism of the cholic on the 20th day of Oct. A. D. 1797.  
Aged 50 years.

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LIEUT JAMES PURINTON

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

Aged 90 years.

One of the revolutionary officers and Staunch supporters of the Republican Constitution.

Several stones bear the following inscription : —

Behold and see as you pass by,  
As you are now so once was I,  
As I am now so you must be,  
Prepare for death and follow me.

The third burying-ground in Topsham, in point of age, is the one about a mile west of the village, where the first Baptist or “old yellow” meeting-house used to stand. In this ground are the remains of John Merrill, Esquire, Captain Peletiah Haley, and others of the early settlers who lived in that portion of the town.

There was formerly a private burying-ground on what was known as “Ferry Point” (the point of land at the Topsham end of the iron railroad bridge). Here were buried the remains of Brigadier-General Thompson and others of the family. When the railroad was laid out, the remains were removed to the village graveyard, those of Brigadier Thompson being placed in the grave with his son, Humphrey Thompson.

The village burying-ground in Topsham was laid out in 1825. It is owned by the proprietors of the lots. The unoccupied land is owned by Mrs. Susan T. Purinton. Among the inscriptions of particular interest in this ground are the following : —

ERECTED  
by the Baptist  
Church in Topsham  
In Memory of  
REV. CHARLES JOHNSON  
their Pastor, who died  
Feb. 29, 1836  
in the 30th year  
of his age.



Behold a Christian's grave — He walked with God  
 In the same path the dear Redeemer trod;  
 He loved the Church and prayed for its increase  
 Lived much belov'd & died in perfect peace.

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Sacred

to

THE MEMORY OF

REV. OLIVER H. QUINBY

who, having zealously proclaimed a full and free Salvation  
 for all mankind through Christ, for nearly two  
 years, fell gently asleep in the arms of  
 Jesus, at his residence in Lisbon,  
 Jany. 23d 1842  
 Aged 23 years.

“Glory to God” he cried,  
 Then bowed his head and died,  
 His soul was borne on angels wings  
 To blissful rest, where seraphs sing.

There are four graveyards in Harpswell, one upon the Neck, one on Great Island, one upon Orr's, and one upon Bailey's Island, the oldest of which is the one adjoining the old First Parish Meeting-House. The oldest stone in this yard is undecipherable. It was probably placed there about 1758. There are several interesting gravestones in this yard, which the space at our disposal prevents us from giving. We insert here, however, the inscriptions upon the tombstones of the first pastor of that church, and of his wife, and also of William McNess, of the second pastor of the church, and of Deacon Andrew and Benjamin Dunning. The inscription upon Elisha Eaton's stone is as follows: —

HERE LYES INTERRED THE BODY OF THE

REVD MR. ELISHA EATON,

first Pastor of the Church in Harpswell who  
 triumphantly Departed this Life on

the 22d of April, A. D. 1764.

In the 62d Year of his Age.

Est Commune mori,

Mors nulli Parcit Honori,

Neque ulli Ætati

Ergo. MEMENTO MORI.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> To die is common, death spares no nobility nor any age. Therefore remember death.

The inscription on his wife's tombstone is : —

To the Memory of  
MRS KATHARINE EATON,  
THE VIRTUOUS RELICT OF THE REV. MR  
ELISHA EATON, WHO DEPARTED  
THIS LIFE APRIL 12, 1767, Æ. 61.

Here, Passenger, confin'd reduc'd to Dust,  
Lies what was once religious. wise & just,  
Fixt, in deep Slumbers here the Dust is giv'n.  
Til the last Trumpet shakes the Frame of Heav'n,  
Then fresh to Life the Waking Saint shall rise,  
And in new Triumphs glitter up the skies,  
Like her be virtuous, you like her shall shine,  
In Bliss above, immortal & divine.

The inscriptions upon the other stones are as follows : —

HERE LIES BURIED  
the Body of  
MR WILLIAM MACKNES,  
who DeParted  
this Life May  
ye 12<sup>th</sup> 1782  
Age 103  
years Old.

THE REV. SAMUEL EATON,  
2<sup>d</sup> MINISTER OF HARPSWELL,  
born April 3 1737  
graduated at Harvard College 1763  
Ordained Oct 24, 1764,  
& died Nov. 5, 1822.  
in the 86 year of his age  
& 59<sup>th</sup> of his Ministry.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Sacred to the memory of  
DEAC. ANDREW DUNNING,  
who was chosen Deac. of the Church in this town, June 17, 1767;  
which office he filled till his decease, March 27, 1808. Æ. 81.

His life was useful his death peaceful.  
Sleep sweetly in the grave of rest,  
Which Christ perfumed and also blest  
Till he shall call thee to the skies,  
Shall bid thy sacred dust arise!  
Survivors walk Christ's path as straight  
And enter in the heavenly gate.

To the memory of  
BENJ<sup>A</sup> DUNNING ESQ.

who with the utmost composure breathed his last Jan. 8, 1808  
Æt 71. As a Husband, Parent, Christian, and civil Mag-  
istrate he was conspicuous. The Town, which for  
many years he represented, The Board  
of Overseers of Bowdoin College,  
and in fine, civil society, are  
deprived of a useful,  
wise and peaceful  
member.

But tho' his loss fills us with grief and pain  
Our loss is his inestimable gain — For  
Thro' the ethereal blue, his soul immortal,  
Borne on angelic wings, at the third Heaven  
Arriv'd the spirits of just men made perfect,  
Joined in lofty hallelujahs to the sacred  
Time, eternity throughout.

In this connection it is proper to mention the discovery, in 1861, of an undoubted Indian burying-ground in Harpswell. It is on the farm of Henry Barnes, on the eastern side of Middle Bay, near the shore. Fourteen skeletons have been disinterred. Though of course there are no headstones, it is known to have been an Indian burying-place by the appearance of the skeletons, the ornaments found on or near them, its vicinity to the "carrying-place," a tradition to that effect, and lastly by the testimony of a party of seven Penobscot Indians who once stopped there on their way to Portland, and who pointed out the spot as an Indian burying-place and stated that there was once an Indian village near by.



## CHAPTER XII.

## ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY OF BRUNSWICK.

## EARLY PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

THE Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by its incorporation of the town of Lebanon in 1733, established the precedent, which it has generally followed since, of requiring towns, when incorporated, to set apart three lots, one for the ministry, one for schools, and one for the first settled minister.<sup>1</sup>

The Pejepscot proprietors did not, however, wait for any legal enactment of this kind, but very early set apart the required amount of land both in Brunswick and in Topsham, and also assisted in the erection of a meeting-house in each town.

In 1715 they voted that the meeting-house should be located midway between the fort and Maquoit, and that the lots for the ministry, the first minister, and the school be the centre lots.

In 1717 the General Court voted to pay seven hundred and fifty dollars annually for missions to the Indians, with board and lodging for the missionaries. The latter were accordingly sent to Brunswick as well as to other places.<sup>2</sup> It was probably in consequence of the above-mentioned vote that on October 3, 1717, several of the "praying" Indians sent a petition to the General Court, "That y<sup>e</sup> Great Governor and Councill would order a small Praying-house to be built near the ffort the English and VS to meet in on Sabbath days.

"SABATIS [Mark]

WARENOWBEE [Mark]

"FORT GEORGE AT BRUNSWICK

• HENEQUE [Mark]<sup>3</sup>

Oct y<sup>e</sup> 3 1717.

JOHN GYLES, *Interpreter*."

The missionary to Maine was Reverend Joseph Baxter, of Medfield, Massachusetts, and "he was particularly urged to use his best endeavors to bring over the Indians to the Christian Faith."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Williamson, *History of Maine*, 2, p. 180.

<sup>2</sup> Varney's *History of Maine*, p. 123.

<sup>3</sup> *Mass. Archives* 31, p. 94.

<sup>4</sup> McKeen, *MS. Lecture*.

The following extracts from Mr. Baxter's diary are of interest: —

“ On Saturday, August 24th, [1717] I went up to Brunswick,<sup>1</sup> and the next day preached in y<sup>e</sup> fort, and 3 of y<sup>e</sup> Indians came to meeting in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon, when sermon was ended I repeated the heads of it, and Capt: Giles interpreted y<sup>m</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Indians, & they seemed to be well pleased therewithal.

“ On Monday I had some discourse with y<sup>e</sup> Indians to shew them y<sup>e</sup> necessity of sanctifying y<sup>e</sup> sabbath which was occasioned by their shooting a gun on y<sup>e</sup> Sabbath day.

“ On Saturday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, I discoursed with several Indians at Brunswick about Religion, and they seemed to be very well pleased with my discourse.

“ September y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> I preached at Brunswick, and several Indians came to hear me. Capt Giles interpreted to them y<sup>e</sup> heads of y<sup>e</sup> sermons, and they seemed well pleased therewith.

“ Octo<sup>b</sup>; 6<sup>th</sup> I preached at Brunswick and staid there y<sup>e</sup> ensuing week & preached there on Octob. 13<sup>th</sup>. ”

“ While I was at Brunswick I was informed by Capt<sup>n</sup> Giles y<sup>t</sup> the Amberscoggin Indians had sent a Petition to y<sup>e</sup> General Court to have a Praying-house built for them at Brunswick to meet with y<sup>e</sup> English. ”

[1718.] “ January 19<sup>th</sup> I preached at Brunswick, and there came 3 Indians to meeting, the most of y<sup>e</sup> Indians being gone from thence before I came thither.

“ January 26<sup>th</sup> I preached at Brunswick. ”

“ April 20<sup>th</sup> I preached at Brunswick.

“ April 23<sup>d</sup>. I discoursed with Three Indians, one of them was inquisitive about things in Religion, and I had a great deal of discourse with him. ”

“ April y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> an Indian came to desire me to go to his squaw who was very sick & like to die, accordingly I went to her with Cap<sup>n</sup> Giles, and discoursed with her about y<sup>e</sup> state of her soul, & directed her how to get prepared for death, and she seemed to be very well pleased with what was said to her.

“ April y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> I preached at Brunswick. ”<sup>2</sup>

From the journal above referred to it would appear that Mr. Baxter did not remove to Brunswick with his family, but that he came here upon several occasions to preach, and that he was at Georgetown

<sup>1</sup> From Georgetown.

<sup>2</sup> Baxter's Journal in MS. in Library of Maine Historical Society.

during the greater portion of his stay in Maine. The proprietors, however, deeded him "the second Island in Pejepscot River, coming out of Merrymeeting bay," and he took up lots numbers 14 and 15 in Topsham, which were afterwards sold for non-fulfilment of conditions. It will also be seen a little farther on that there was a house on lot number 6 in Brunswick called "Mr. Baxter's house." In the absence of positive information, it is to be presumed that the proprietors built a house for him, in the hopes or expectation that he would settle there.

#### FIRST PARISH.

The first action in religious matters taken by the people was while Brunswick was a parish or plantation, under the Pejepscot proprietors. It appears by the records that:—

"Att a Leagual Town meeting in Brunswick Novm<sup>ber</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1718, It was Voted That whereas the Proprietors of S<sup>d</sup> Township in their paternal Care for our Spiritual Good, have by there Joynt Letter Sought to y<sup>e</sup> Reverend M<sup>r</sup> James Woodside to be our Minister & in order there to proposed Conditions for his Settlement on their part, Wee the Inhabitance of Brunswick will Give Fourty pounds pr annum toward y<sup>e</sup> support of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Mr. Woodside & a Sum in proportion there to from this time untill May next (if he Come to us) & God in his providence Should Then part us.

"It was also at this meeting Voted That M<sup>r</sup> Baxters house on y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Lott in Brunswick Be forthwith made habitable for y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Mr. Woodside. That y<sup>e</sup> Charges there of y<sup>e</sup> Transporting him & his famoly from Falmouth to Brunswick be paid Equally by us y<sup>e</sup> inhabitance of s<sup>d</sup> Brunswick & y<sup>e</sup> Capt Gyles is here by impowered to se y<sup>e</sup> Buisness effected.

"JOSEPH HEATH *Town Clerk*"

The first meeting-house of the First Parish was probably commenced in 1719. It stood about a mile south of the colleges, where the old burying-ground is. It was not, however, finished for several years, and it is probable that Mr. Woodside preached in the fort.

On May 8, 1719, it was voted, that:—

"Whereas the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> James Woodside for Some time past, has preached to us in order to his Settlement, some of us not being well Sattisfied with his Conversation,<sup>1</sup> And thinking It most reasonable y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Woodside as well as our Selves should have further time

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<sup>1</sup> Used in the now obsolete sense of character.



for consideration in so weighty an affair, Theirfore it is voted that if Mr Woodside please to Continue preaching to us Six Moneths Longer he Shall receive of y<sup>e</sup> town after y<sup>e</sup> rate of £40 per annum provided those of us who are Dissatisfied with his Conversation (as afore Said) Can by Treating with him as becomes Christians receive Such Sattisfaction from him as that they will heare him preach for y<sup>e</sup> Time afore s<sup>d</sup>."

He did not give sufficient satisfaction, for "Att a Leagual Town Meeting in Brunswick Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1719 it was voted that whereas the conversation of the Reverend Mr James woodside is Displeasing to y<sup>e</sup> most of us, which renders us unable to reverence him as our Minister, therefore wee will not heare him any Longer as such. And the Select men are Impowered & Desired to grant a rate & Commit it to y<sup>e</sup> Constable to Collect So y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Mr. Woodside may be paid according to our agreement with him viz. after y<sup>e</sup> rate of £40 pounds per annum his Time to begin y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Day of Novem<sup>r</sup> & Continue to y<sup>e</sup> Date of this vote except y<sup>e</sup> several<sup>1</sup> weeks he was absent on his own buisness at Boston & elsewhere."

[1721.] At a meeting of the settlers held May 6, 1721, twelve pounds was assessed upon the inhabitants for the support of the Reverend Isaac Taylor, who agreed with the proprietors to preach alternately in Brunswick and Topsham for one year.

[1730.] In 1730 a chaplain was allowed at Fort George.

The first minister who preached here after the incorporation of the town was Reverend Robert Rutherford. In the petition for an Act of Incorporation it was stated that the people had obtained "a pious and orthodox minister" to settle with them, and he was doubtless the one to whom reference was made, as he commenced his labors here about 1735. He does not seem to have had a formal call, however, for several years, and was never actually settled.

[1739.] At the annual town meeting, held April 16, 1739, a committee was chosen to make an arrangement with Mr. Rutherford, or if he should decline his services, to agree with some other minister.

At a meeting held the following July it was voted, "That the minister should preach at the southeast end of the town [New Meadows] according to what rates and taxes the residents of that part of the town should pay towards the support of the Ministry." At another meeting held in September, it was voted "That the Reverend Mr. Rutherford should preach at the east part of the town *as often as*

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<sup>1</sup> Several or seven; the writing is illegible.

*he pleases.*" A vote was also passed "That James Hue should have the one half of the two hind seats to make a Pew of on the southeast end of the meeting-house."

[1740.] In the year 1740 the town appropriated £150 for Mr. Rutherford's salary, and also voted to raise £200 as a settlement, "if he lives and dies minister of Brunswick," and to raise £66 13s. 4d. that year.

[1741.] The town appropriated, in the year 1741, £150 for support of the minister and £66 towards his settlement. The proprietors also this year voted to lay out a "ministry lot" of one hundred acres, near the meeting-house, on the south side of the road. To judge from the record, the settlers must have been accompanied at church very frequently by their canine companions, as the town voted, "That each person that suffers his Dog to com to the meeten-hose one the Lords Day shall forfeit the sum of twelve pence."

[1742.] Reverend Mr. Rutherford closed his labors here early in the year 1742, having preached in town for about seven years. In February of this year a committee was appointed by the town to obtain a minister to preach, on probation, with a view to settlement. This committee does not seem to have accomplished much, however, for in June following another committee was chosen "to agree with the Reverend Mr. Jonathan Pierpont, or some other minister, to preach to us for two or three months."

In September, the town voted "that y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Orseborne and y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. James Morton be neither of them imployed in the publick woorke of the Ministrey in this town for the fughter." And a new committee was appointed to secure the services of some suitable "orthodox" minister to preach on probation during the winter, and to be permanently settled if an agreement could be had between him and the town. The committee were authorized to advance £3 a week to the minister who might be employed. This action was owing to the fact that there was a conflict between the eastern and western portions of the town arising from differences in religious views, and the town at this time having two ministers on its hands, in order to harmonize matters, voted that neither of them should be employed.

The people in the eastern part of the town were principally descendants of the first settlers of New England. Those who resided in the west part of the town were for the most part Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. The latter formed at this time the most numerous portion. The people of New Meadows wished to have the platform of the churches at York, Berwick, Kittery, etc., and "a Mr. Lumbers [or

Lombards], a busybody, was dispatched for a copy of Mr. Moody's platform."<sup>1</sup>

Besides the ministers already mentioned, Reverends Blowers, Crumbie, and McClanathan were employed for a longer or shorter time. The latter not only preached, but taught a school for some time.<sup>2</sup>

At a meeting of the Pejepscot proprietors at Boston, September 20, 1742, it was voted that:—

“Whereas the Town of Brunswick is at present destitute of a minister, and is in quest of another minister, That Lott Number Eight on the South easterly side of the Twelve Rod Road leading from Fort George to Maquoit containing one hundred acres and fifty acres more adjoining to it on the south westerly side of said Lott, making together one hundred and fifty acres, be and hereby is granted to the First Learned & Orthodox Minister who shall be Ordained and Settle there & shall continue in the Ministry there for the space of seven years, if he shall live so long, to be to him his heirs and assigns forever. And if he should continue in the Ministry there during his lifetime, though he should dye before the expiration of said term of seven years, to be to his Heirs and their assigns notwithstanding. Otherwise to revert to the Proprietors.”

And it was also voted:—

“That Lott Number Seven<sup>3</sup> on the Southeasterly side of the Road be & hereby is granted to the Town of Brunswick for a ministry Lott, containing one hundred acres, to be & continue for said use forever. . . . Both the above granted Lotts lying near & commodious to the meeting house.”

In November of this year the town made an agreement with the Reverend Mr. Hodges, of Falmouth, to preach for five or six months on a salary of £3 per week.

In May, Deacon Samuel Hinckley was authorized to secure a minister to preach on probation, with a view to settlement, and the town paid him £6 “for ten days going after a minister to supply the town.” Some question, probably, arising about this time as to whom the control of the meeting-house was vested in, the proprietors, at a meeting held in Boston, June 1, 1743,

“Voted, Whereas the Proprietors out of an earnest desire to promote the preaching of the Gospell in the Town of Brunswick did some years since signify to the Setlers or Inhabitants of said Town,

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *This lot had been previously laid out for this purpose.*



That in case they would at their Charge provide & raise the Frame of a meeting house in said Town, the proprietors would at their Expence furnish Glass, Nails & other Materials & finish the said meeting house which they have accordingly done : It is therefore now agreed & Voted, That the said meeting house is to be & continue to the use of the Inhabitants of said Town, for carrying on the publick worship of God therein, and that no particular Inhabitant or Inhabitants, Proprietor or Proprietors, pretend to claim the same for their particular use or property contrary to the true Intent and design for which said house was erected, or to the Exclusion of any of the Inhabitants from enjoying the Benefit of said House.

.. Provided Notwithstanding that the Pew on the Right Side of the Front Door be & remain for the use of the Proprietors their Heirs & Assigns & wholly at our Disposal."

[1744.] There was no minister settled in the year 1744. A proposition was made in February, however, to extend a call to Reverend James Morton, but the town voted in the negative. In March a committee was chosen to procure a minister to supply the town "for some time," on as reasonable terms as possible.

[1745.] In May, 1745, Deacon Samuel Hinckley was selected as an agent to procure a minister, but he not meeting with success, in October, Mr. Ebenezer Stanwood was appointed agent for that purpose, and was promised forty shillings for his services.

[1746.] In December, 1746, the town voted to extend an invitation to Reverend Robert Dunlap, of Sheepscot Bridge, New Castle, Massachusetts, to preach with a view to settlement, and the selectmen were instructed to communicate with him by letter, and Messrs. Robert Given and Vincent Woodside were chosen a committee to go after him, and were to be allowed twelve shillings per day for their services. The town also voted to pay Mr. Dunlap £4 per Sabbath, and a committee was chosen to take up a contribution each Sabbath to help pay the minister's salary.

[1747.] In March of the following year the town voted to settle Mr. Robert Dunlap at a salary of £200 per year (old tenor), and with a settlement of £200 "when the war is over." The town also voted to hire a house for his use "during the present war,<sup>1</sup> and to pay the charge."

As Mr. Dunlap was a Presbyterian, and naturally desired to be ordained by a presbytery, and there being none nearer than London-

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<sup>1</sup> *Spanish or fifth Indian.*

derry,<sup>1</sup> it was mutually agreed between him and the town that the ordination should take place at Boston, and Deacon Samuel Hinckley and Mr. Ebenezer Stanwood were appointed commissioners to appear at the ordination and receive Mr. Dunlap in behalf of the town. They were allowed £30 to defray the cost of the ordination dinner, but the expenses were afterwards found to amount to upwards of £60.

The ordination took place in Boston, in August or September, in the meeting-house of Reverend Andrew Le Mercier, minister of the Protestant French Church, by a presbytery composed of Reverend Mr. Le Mercier, Reverend Mr. Morton, of Colrain, Reverend Mr. Davidson, of Londonderry, Reverend Mr. Wilson, and Reverend Mr. M. Lothlius.<sup>2</sup>

[1750.] In March, 1750, the town voted a present to Mr. Dunlap, of £40 old tenor, and in May there was raised by the town for his salary £26 13s. 4d. lawful money, and £13 6s. 8d. to be given as a present, and the same amount for his "settlement."

At a meeting of the proprietors, held this year, July 9, it was voted by them to dispose of the vacant land at New Meadows, and to expend the money thus obtained in finishing the meeting-house.

A note at the bottom of the records says that this assistance was not accepted by the town.

[1751.] In 1751 the town voted to add £13 6s. 8d. lawful money, to Mr. Dunlap's salary, "providing he will take his pay in such specie as the town can pay him in, at the market price, otherwise Mr. Dunlap must adhere to his first agreement with the town." At its annual meeting the town also voted to raise for his salary £40 lawful money, "in such specie as it can produce in *lumber* at the market price," and £8 in cash.

[1752.] The next year the selectmen were directed to petition the General Court to have Topsham annexed to Brunswick in order to assist in maintaining the gospel, "unless the inhabitants of Topsham will bind themselves to the satisfaction of our selectmen, to pay the Reverend Mr. Dunlap eighty pounds, old tenour, this year." The Province laws at this time allowed the taxing of adjacents, which had no minister, and whose people attended preaching in the town which taxed them.<sup>3</sup>

The town also this year voted £40, lawful money, for his salary, "to be paid in lumber, landed in Boston at the market price, where

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Greenleaf's Ecclesiastical Sketches.*

<sup>3</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

our minister shall order, two thirds to be delivered there by the first day of October next, and the other third by the first of May next." What effect the petition referred to above had, does not appear from the record, but in all probability it hastened the efforts made in Topsham to settle a minister. The cause of this petition was undoubtedly due to the fact that the people of Topsham, having no preaching in their own town, were accustomed to attend religious services in Brunswick, without contributing their due share towards the support of the same.

[1754.] This year the proprietors made a deed to Reverend Mr. Dunlap of the one hundred and fifty acres of land previously granted to the first settled minister.<sup>1</sup>

[1755.] About this time a meeting-house was built at the east end of the town, for the accommodation of the residents of that locality. Before the erection of this building, Mr. Dunlap used to preach in that part of the town in the barn of James Thompson,<sup>2</sup> which stood where Bartlett Adams now (1877) lives. During the war with the Indians he was escorted to the place by his neighbors, armed.<sup>3</sup>

[1756.] In the year 1756 the town, in addition to the usual appropriation of £40 for the minister's salary, voted to pay the rent of his house for that year.

[1759.] In 1759 the town voted that the inhabitants of the south-east part of the township should have preaching every second Sabbath.

[1760.] In October, 1760, a committee was chosen by the town to call a council of ministers "to decide our unhappy differences with the Reverend Mr. Dunlap." The council consisted of Reverend Messrs. Smith, of Falmouth, Morrill, of Biddeford, and of Reverend Mr. Lorrain. The council resulted in the speedy dismissal of Mr. Dunlap. It will be noticed that although Mr. Dunlap was a Presbyterian, yet this was a Congregational council. The difficulties on account of which the council was held are said by Greenleaf<sup>4</sup> to have been in regard to the payment of his salary. McKeen,<sup>5</sup> however, implies that he was dismissed on account of "having become weak and imbecile in mind and body, owing to a paralytic shock." That Greenleaf was correct in his statement is evident from the following communication from Mr. Dunlap to the town, which is given verbatim: —

<sup>1</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collections.*

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ecclesiastical Sketches of Maine.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>5</sup> *Brunswick Telegraph, July 30, 1853.*



“ TO THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 1760.

“ Seeing It pleased Divine providence to obstruct my Being at Londonderrey at the Last Sitting of the Pres<sup>by</sup> which will appear by my Journal & other evidence If Called: I By advice of some worthy men; offer to y<sup>r</sup> Consideration these proposals —

“ 1<sup>st</sup> that no mans monney or Rates Shall Ever Come Into my pocket; or private use In aney Shape: as ministerial taxes In this town; that Do's not adhere to my min<sup>y</sup>

“ 2<sup>ly</sup> that Such as Be: or may be adherents To my min<sup>y</sup> Have Liberty to pay there ministerial taxes & other Ecclesiastical Dues when they Go to hear the word: or have or may Joine In Conection: with the old Church of Christ In Brunswick: & Such as pretend aney Scruple of Conciencie In Joineing with us: I Lord not over their Conciences they may use their Christian Liberty: their monney Shall be at their own Disposal: I have always tho't this was the Best way to pace: tho't I woud Rather quit my title to part of a town tax: or Rate then have a hand In Divisions: & uneasyness: I am no Longer able to Live under —

“ 2<sup>d</sup> propos<sup>d</sup> whether Deacon Hinkley & Capt. David Dunning: as we have a Rev<sup>d</sup>. & Good Presbr<sup>y</sup>. to go to, will continue their adherence, as I think wee agreed & signifyd, and for which I am now preparing & still am Desirous of Such Government, & Do profess the west=minst<sup>r</sup>. Confession of faith to be the Confession of my faith unless better light offer to my understandin

“ 3<sup>ly</sup> that whereas you are or may Be acquainted: with my Going to the wes<sup>rd</sup>: Twice —

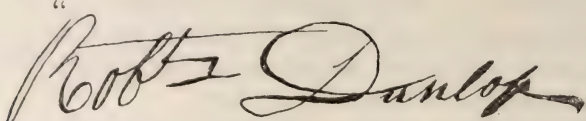
“ 1<sup>st</sup> to ask Counsel tending to the publig<sup>e</sup> Benefit & Tranquility & that our unhappy Divisions might Be heald: 2<sup>ly</sup> To waite on the Rev<sup>d</sup> P BY which wind & weather Disapointed me In: my Journal will Demonstrate. I therefor Intreate you would let me have my Arears: of Last Sallary. I have no minnets of the exact time when I accepted y<sup>e</sup> Call But am pretty Certain It was In march or aprill after which I looked on my Self y<sup>r</sup> min<sup>r</sup> tho' not really ordained: and went to Boston: to prepare my self after which no pay was Rec<sup>d</sup> By me from aney people for preaching the Gospel: as far as I can Remember: But Came to Brunsw<sup>k</sup>. In the night of the eighth Day of July, which I am Readey to Depone.

“ You may all See I am not wanting aney Charges: only my Just arears: which will Satisfy & may possibly make us Easey. Sure I think I aim at the Honest part.

“ Altho I spent of my own monney about £30 Going to Boston : & hiring a horse, and riding to Derrey when I was ordained : —

“ and these Last Expenses : which I am sure is more & not less : of which I say nothing at this time —

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A meeting of the town was held not long after his dismissal, and a committee chosen to procure a minister to preach on probation.

[1761.] In March, 1761, the town chose a committee “to treat with Mr. Fairfield or Mr. Whitwell to preach to us for some time, on probation, and to offer neither of them over eight pounds, old tenour, per Sabbath, and, if they refuse, to get somebody else.” Probably the inducement was not sufficient, as neither of these gentlemen was obtained, and in August following another committee was appointed to confer with Reverend John Miller, of Milton, Massachusetts, as to the terms upon which he would be willing to settle. At a meeting held in December the town voted “to concur with the church and give a call to Reverend John Miller to settle with us as a minister of the gospel.” The town voted him a salary of £66 13s. 4d., lawful money, and to give him £100 to enable him to settle, this amount to be paid in three annual instalments, one third each year, and if he desired to settle on the “ministerial lot,” it was voted to lay out £200 in a house and improvements. The arrangements for preaching were that Mr. Miller should be excused from preaching at New Meadows during the first three months of the year, and as a compensation to the residents of that portion of the town, he was to preach there every Sabbath for two of the summer months and every alternate Sunday for the rest of the year.

[1762.] In September, 1762, a committee was chosen to receive Mr. Miller’s answer to the call given him by the church and town. His answer was as follows : —

“ By virtue of your vote passed in your meeting the 14th day of September, 1762, as you then voted me a salary and settlement reference being had to said vote, I cheerfully accept of your unanimous and friendly offers and engage to settle with you as your minister dur-

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

ing life, unless something material happens, by being legally parted; and I engage to conform to your vote passed September 1st, 1762, in regard to preaching at New Meadows so long as my health will admit of, or till they are set off, or otherwise voted, and wishing that we may by our preaching and example edify and advance each other's eternal interest and live in love and peace as long as life lasts.

“JOHN MILLER JUNIOR.”

The ordination took place on the third of November, the exercises being conducted by the Reverends Smith, Eaton, Lorain, Elvans, Weyburn, and Obens.

David Dunning provided an entertainment for the ministers and their attendants, by order of the town.

[1768.] In 1768 some difficulties began to arise in regard to the singing on the Sabbath, and a proposition was made to set off a part of the gallery in the west meeting-house for the use of the singers, but it was defeated by a vote of the town.

[1779.] The records contain nothing of special interest from this time until the year 1779, when the town voted to make Mr. Miller such a compensation for that year as might be agreed upon, in consideration of the scarcity and dearness of the necessaries of life, and Messrs. Aaron Hinkley, Thomas Skolfield, and Captain William Stanwood were chosen a committee to decide as to what sum was proper. Subsequently the town voted not to add anything to Mr. Miller's salary, but to leave it to the generosity of the people, and the usual salary of £66 13s. 4d. was accordingly voted.

[1780.] In 1780 the town voted to pay Mr. Miller's regular salary “in produce of the country, at the price such articles were in 1775, or so much of the present currency as will purchase so much of said articles.”

[1786.] In the year 1786 the town voted to allow the people in the east end of the township to “regulate the way of singing in Divine Service in the east end as they shall think proper.” In June of this year, owing to troubles now but imperfectly understood, but probably connected with matters of church government, the town voted to dismiss Mr. Miller from his pastoral office, and a committee was chosen to notify him of the action of the town. He must, however, have refused to accept his dismissal as [1787] on the eighth of May of the next year, agreeably to his own desire, a vote of the members of the church was taken, as to whether he should or should not be dismissed. The result of this vote was nine for dismission and five



against it. As this did not seem satisfactory, the *congregation* was then called upon to vote on the subject. The result of this vote was twelve for dismission and eighteen against it. The town thereupon, without taking direct action,<sup>1</sup> voted to raise no money for his support.

[1788.] In 1788 the town again voted not to pay him any salary, and also voted to call a council of the neighboring churches to hear the grievances of those who were dissatisfied with him. As there is no evidence that a council was ever actually assembled, and as Mr. Miller died before the close of the year, it is probable that the calling of the council was deferred on account of his ill-health.

[1789.] The next year a committee was appointed to pay the executor of Mr. Miller's estate the amount of his salary due him at the time of his death. A committee was also chosen to secure another minister on trial.

[1790.] A committee was chosen in April, 1790, to invite Reverend Mr. Cornwell to preach on probation; but in August the town voted not to settle him, and a committee was chosen to secure some other minister.

[1791.] The following proposal was made to the town in December:—

“Six months I propose, at the desire of the Committee to supply the people of Brunswick as a Preacher, allowing me to be absent two months in the Winter, more or less as convenient, provided it is agreeable to the town.

“ABRAHAM MOORE.

“DECEMBER 2d 1791.”<sup>2</sup>

[1792.] In January, 1792, the proposal of Mr. Moore was accepted, and he was engaged to preach for six months on probation. In August the town voted unanimously to give him a call to settle, at a salary of £100 and with a settlement of £100, to be paid him in one year after his settlement.

It was also voted that the Baptists in this town who can produce a certificate that they belong to a Baptist society shall have a right to draw the money that was last assessed as a ministerial tax, to be appropriated to pay their own preacher, and that they be no longer taxed in the ministerial tax.

It was also voted that the minister should preach every other Sunday at the east end of the town.

<sup>1</sup> Which was needless, in view of the vote taken the preceding year.

<sup>2</sup> Pejepscot Papers.

Mr. Moore declined the call to settle permanently and in September of the following year [1793], the town voted unanimously to extend a call to the Reverend Ebenezer Coffin, and to give him a salary of £100 and £200 for a settlement. He was ordained June 23, 1794.

[1801.] Mr. Coffin left in 1801. There is no account in either the town or church records of any formal dismissal, but there is probably no doubt that he was compelled to resign. From this time until 1806 there was occasional preaching in the old meeting-house.

[1806.] At that time the old house was abandoned by the First Parish, and a new one on the hill was occupied instead.

The participation of the town in the doings of the First Parish having now ceased, the remainder of its history will be included in that of the

#### CHURCH OF THE FIRST PARISH.

It does not appear anywhere, as a matter of record, that there was any church organization during the pastorate of Reverend Mr. Rutherford, or that he was regularly ordained. No mention is made of any church act at the time of the settlement of Reverend Mr. Dunlap, but it is said that, soon after that event, Reverend Mr. Murray formed a church in this place, in connection with the presbytery. Samuel Clark is said to have been the first deacon.<sup>1</sup>

It is narrated that on one occasion, while Mr. Murray, of Boothbay, was here for the purpose of organizing the church and was engaged in preaching, Aaron Hinkley, displeased with something that he had said, stepped out into the aisle, and addressing Mr. Murray, inquired of him if he knew in whose presence he was speaking; to which Mr. Murray replied that he was aware that he was in the presence of the Judge of the Inferior Court. Mr. Hinkley then said, "I say to you as the Lord said to Elijah, 'What dost thou here,' John Murray?" The question, with the verse following in this connection, "I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword" (1 Kings xix, 9, 10), gave a text to Mr. Murray upon which he continued to preach, making some very severe and sarcastic remarks, and putting an end to all further questions.<sup>2</sup>

There is no doubt but that this church was originally established on Presbyterian principles, and continued so during the ministry of Mr. Dunlap.

<sup>1</sup> Woodman's notes.

<sup>2</sup> McKee, MS. Lecture.

The male members of this church in 1761 were<sup>1</sup> John Minott, Samuel Clarke, Ebenezer Stanwood, William Simpson, David Dunning, John Orr, Samuel Whitney, Isaac Snow, James Thompson, Aaron Hinkley, Samuel Stanwood, James Elliott, William Ross, William Stanwood, Thomas Adams, Thomas Skolfield, and John Smart.

After the settlement of Mr. Miller, the church assumed a mixed character for about seven years. The number of church members was then about seventy, among whom were seven deacons.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Miller was ordained November 3, 1762. The council consisted of Messrs. Smith, Loring, Elvin, Wibird, Robbins, and Eaton. At a church meeting held a few days subsequently, it was voted: "Whereas this church as to its government since it has been gathered and more especially while Mr. Dunlap was their pastor, has not been duly kept up in the beauty and order of the Gospel, by reason of which they have greatly separated in the Ceremonials of Government, it was therefore voted: That all those who are not in full communion with the church and who never had any children baptized or were never baptized themselves, in order to receive the ordinances either for themselves or their children are required to be propounded to the church at least the Sabbath before Baptism, in order to own the Covenant of Baptism."

Reverend Mr. Miller was ordained as a Congregationalist, but after some years the church and parish returned to the Londonderry Presbytery, from which they had seceded.<sup>3</sup>

How much soever a portion of his congregation may have been edified by his preaching, some of them were not sufficiently so to give close attention to him, and it was not at all uncommon for numbers of people to be asleep. At such times, it is narrated, Mr. Miller was in the habit of stopping in the midst of his sermon, and saying, "Wake up, hearers!" After a while it was made the duty of old Mr. George Coombs to wake the sleepers by rapping on their pew-doors with his staff.<sup>4</sup>

At the council for the ordination of Mr. Miller, Reverend Thomas Smith was the moderator, and Mr. Loring, scribe. At the ordination, prayer was made by the Reverend Mr. Loring, the charge by Mr. Smith, the right hand of fellowship by Mr. Eaton, and the sermon by Mr. Miller himself.

The following, in regard to church government, was found on an old paper, undated, and very much worn: —

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*    <sup>2</sup> *Greenleaf, Ecclesiastical Sketches.*    <sup>3</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

<sup>4</sup> *James Curtis's Journal, in Library of Maine Historical Society.*



“These concerning the Church of Christ in Brunswick as to the order and Constitution of this Church. It was at first set up in the Presbyterian order to be governed by a Session and since we have left off that order and government we have got into Disorder and have no government at all, therefore we the subscribers hereof advise the members of the Church to look to God for a blessing and direction herein, in setting up their old Constitution and choose ten or twelve elders and have them ordained to their charge and duty, herein to act for the glory of God and the good of this church, and in all Ecclesiastical affairs belonging to this church that may come before them to decide them impartially without favor or affection. This is our deliberate judgement and advice and that we cannot come into peace and good government without taking these steps.

“JUDAH CHASE.

ROBERT DUNNING.

WILLIAM STANWOOD.

SAMUEL STANWOOD, JR.

SAMUEL STANWOOD, 3D.

LEWIS SIMPSON.

STEPHEN SKOLFIELD.

WILLIAM WOODSIDE.

DANIEL WOODSIDE, JR.

ANTHONY WOODSIDE.

DAVID DUNNING, JR.

DAVID DUNNING.

ANDREW DUNNING.

SAMUEL STANWOOD.

JOHN DUNLAP.

WILLIAM STANWOOD, 2D.

WILLIAM SPEAR.

SAMUEL DUNLAP.

JOHN SWETT.

JAMES CARY.

JAMES ELLIOTT.

WILLIAM STANWOOD, 3D.”

[1762.] At a meeting of the church, held Monday, November 15, it was —

*Voted*, “That all such as desire admittance into full Communion with the Church, shall privately signify their desire to the minister, and [make a statement of their religious] views, after which the minister shall propound them to the Church at least a week before the Sacrament, that if any of the Communicants have anything to object, they may have time so to do before the Sacrament, which objection is to be made to the Deacons, who shall before Sacrament day acquaint the minister of it, that the minister may have time to inform the person, but if no objections appear, the minister shall proceed to admit the person.” Also, “That the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper be administered once in two months in the winter, beginning the first Sabbath of December, and once in six weeks in the summer months.”

[1763.] On May 12, the church voted, “That the contribution be continued at both ends of the town in order to purchase utensils for this church.

“To purchase four flagons, eight tankards, twelve cups, four dishes, two tablecloths, and two napkins for the use of this church.

“That Aaron Hinkley and Deacon Dunning take charge of the contribution, and see the articles purchased as soon as may be.

“That Deacon Clark and Deacon Samuel Stanwood take an account of the money collected at the west meeting-house, and Deacon Snow and Deacon Whitney take account of the money collected at the east meeting-house, before delivered into the hands of Deacon Dunning and Mr. Hinkley.”

It is difficult to understand the necessity for this vote to purchase flagons, etc., because (if there is no mistake in the date inscribed upon them) two flagons, three plates, and four cups were presented to the church in 1737 by Benjamin Larrabee and John Minot. They are now in the possession of Professor A. S. Packard.

At this same meeting of the church, it was “voted to sing Tate and Brady’s version with the hymns annexed thereto, composed by Isaac Watts, D. D.” Mr. Aaron Hinkley declined serving as deacon, and was excused.

[1764.] This year an individual who desired baptism for his two children was obliged to make a public confession of his criminal intimacy with Ann Conner, who subsequently committed suicide.

[1765.] September 8, the church met and voted to have a covenant drawn up and signed by each member.

The following is found on the cover of one of the old records:—

“October 1765 The people in Brunswick began to quarrel with their minister, John Miller, headed by William Woodside Senior.”

[1766.] On May 9, a church meeting was held to consider this “quarrel”; and at an adjourned meeting, held May 22, the church voted that Mr. Woodside should apologize to the pastor. He refused to do so, and the church then voted that “Mr. Miller’s Character stood fair in the eye of the church.”

[1767.] May 13, William Woodside was suspended until he confessed his fault to the church and pastor.

[1768.] July 29. At a meeting of the church on this day objection was offered to the baptism of a child of Thomas Thompson, “on account of said Thomas standing up and reading the Psalm in the public worship of God.” The child was, however, baptized. At a meeting on September 6, William Woodside, Senior, openly asked the forgiveness of the church and the pastor, as to his past misconduct, and was received again into the church. A number of the members were also reconciled to each other at this meeting, an uncommon spirit

of forgiveness prevailing, and the members appearing to be “of one heart and of one mind.” At this meeting Mr. Miller openly declared himself to be the pastor of a church on the Congregational plan.

[1770.] In May, 1770, the church records show that the members had been led to consider the decline of religion; and accordingly a day of fasting and prayer was appointed “to implore pardon of God, and his aid and help.” The day was seriously observed. After public services the church met, confessions were made, alienations and differences composed, and tokens appeared of a reviving spiritual influence among the Christian portion of the community.

[1771.] The question whether the church should be Congregational or Presbyterian in form came up this year. A meeting was held at the west meeting-house, which the members of the east end did not attend. Subsequently a meeting was held at the east end which was attended by both parties. The next day some of the members at the east end met at Captain Thompson’s, without notifying the other members. To reconcile the difficulties a meeting was held on [1772] June 16, and the following agreement was drawn up and signed:—

“In the first place we propose that this Church and the Discipline thereof be governed agreeable to the Congregational Constitution and platform of the churches in New England—excepting the administration of the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord’s supper to be administered agreeable to the custom of the Presbyterian Churches, and to have only one preparation day before each sacrament.

“Consented to by me,

“JOHN MILLER.

“DAVID DUNNING	}	<i>Church Committee.</i>
AARON HINKLEY		
SAMUEL CLARK		
JAMES THOMPSON		
SAMUEL STANWOOD		
ISAAC SNOW		
THOMAS SKOLFIELD		

“Voted and accepted in Church.

“N. B. It is to be understood by the Pastor and the Church that the above writing was drawn up and executed in consequence of all differences and uneasiness that did subsist between the Pastor and Church, and the same were adjusted and settled in an amicable manner.”

[1774.] At a meeting of the church, on May 16, at the west meeting-house, the above vote having caused some uneasiness, and



some of the members at the east end of the town not being disposed to comply with it, it was voted that the sacrament might be administered at the west meeting-house from the long table, the communicants sitting around it or in the body-pews as they might see fit; and that it might be administered at the east meeting-house in the Congregational form. The ordinance of baptism to be administered in either form as persons might choose.

[1785.] At a meeting held on September 13, the church considered the matter of lay exhorters, who were becoming quite common in town. No action was taken, however, as some of the church evidently favored such persons.

[1786.] At a meeting held April 17, the subject of choosing ruling elders was brought forward, and it was voted not to choose any. The church then considered in regard to the new mode of singing adopted at the east end of the town, and it was voted that the psalms and hymns should be read by the deacons, *i. e.*, line by line, until all had had time to furnish themselves with books. Charles Thomas was chosen chorister at the east end, and John Dunning at the west end of the town, with liberty to appoint their own assistants.

At a meeting held July 5, there was a pretty warm discussion in regard to the mode of singing. After a while the discussion turned upon the question whether the church was Congregational or Presbyterian. The meeting closed without settling the point.

[1790.] At a meeting held in March, there being no minister, Stanwood Dunning was chosen permanent moderator. Several persons being asked why they had absented themselves from church meetings, etc., one replied, "because there was no order in the church"; another, that he could not sit down to the Lord's table with a certain member; and others answered that "they had joined the Baptists."

[1793.] December 18 the church voted a call to Reverend Mr. Coffin, and that the twenty-third of January be set for his ordination.

[1794.] January 22, the council for the ordination met. It consisted of Daniel Little, Kennebunk; Paul Coffin, Buxton; Thomas Brown, Stroudwater; Alfred Johnston, Freeport; Samuel Eaton, Harpswell; Jonathan Ellis, Topsham; and the usual lay delegates. The ordaining services were performed the next day in the west meeting-house.

The minutes of only two church meetings are recorded during the whole of Mr. Coffin's pastorate. May 10 of this year it was voted that there should be four communions a year. June 26 it was voted

“that candidates for the baptism of their first child should be propounded as such one fortnight, that if there should be any objections made, they may be made in season to the minister that he may act accordingly.”

On July 21, 1808, the new meeting house, which had been built by subscription, was given to and accepted by the parish, the north gallery being reserved for the use of the students of Bowdoin College, that institution having contributed funds towards its erection. Afterward, in the present building, the south gallery was substituted in lieu of the north.

On February 8, 1810, the parish extended an invitation to Reverend John Bartlett to settle over them. The call was not, however, accepted. On the twenty-first of April, of this year, the parish voted to petition the Court of Common Pleas for a remission of the fine that had been imposed upon them “for not being supplied with preaching.”

Since 1802 there had been no settled minister over them and a portion of the time no preaching, though during this time Presidents McKeen and Appleton often officiated.

On April 2, 1811, the parish voted “to appoint a suitable person to care for the meeting-house, sweep the same, and *ring the bell*.” This is the first allusion to any bell in town and this bell was undoubtedly the one on the college chapel. In October, 1824, however, the parish authorized a bell to be put in the tower of the meeting-house, and it was done shortly after. This, the first *parish* bell, was bought by subscription, and cost about five hundred dollars.<sup>1</sup> The college paid fifty dollars towards its purchase, on condition that the parish would give them the right to use both it and the meeting-house, for literary exercises on Commencement week and at other times for special purposes, upon ten days’ notice being given.

In 1817 the question of heating the meeting-house came up, and on the eighteenth of January the parish voted to grant permission to have stoves put in. This was probably not done, though, at this time, for in 1824 the matter again came up and was referred to a committee, who reported it inexpedient to use stoves. In November, 1838, the parish authorized the assessors “to adopt the plan used in Reverend Mr. Ellingwood’s church, in Bath.”

In 1819, John Schwartkin, of Holland, was allowed to partake of the communion without a letter of recommendation, because he was a stranger in a foreign country.

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<sup>1</sup> At all events, the subscriptions amounted to a trifle over this sum.

In Reverend Mr. Mead's reply to a call of the church, in 18 2, he made it a condition of his acceptance that he should have the right to dissolve the connection with the church whenever the compensation he received failed to amount to seven hundred dollars a year.

His ordination services were held this year and were as follows: introductory prayer, by Reverend Mr. Mittimore, of Falmouth; sermon, by Reverend Doctor Payson, of Portland; consecrating prayer, by Reverend Mr. Gillet, of Hallowell; charge, by Reverend Doctor Packard, of Wiscasset; right hand of fellowship, by Reverend Mr. Smith, of Portland; address to the people, by Reverend Mr. Ellingwood, of Bath; closing prayer, by Reverend Mr. Pomeroy, of Gorham.

Mr. Mead was dismissed, at his own request, in July, 1829. On the fifth of that month he preached his farewell discourse, which was printed by request, and a copy of which is preserved in the library of the Maine Historical Society. During his ministry a creed and covenant were adopted by the church and a church library started, to which the books of the Brunswick Female Humane Society were added.

About this time the attention of the parish was directed to the question of the ownership and boundaries of the meeting-house lot. The fencing of this lot and the legal contest connected therewith is mentioned in another connection.

In November, 1829, Reverend George E. Adams was invited to become the pastor of this parish. Having already been ordained, although without a charge, he was installed Tuesday, December 29. The installation services were as follows:—

Introductory prayer, by Reverend Seneca White, of Bath; sermon, by Dr. Tyler, of Portland; installing prayer, by Dr. H. Packard, of Wiscasset; charge, by Reverend Asa Mead, of Gorham; right hand of fellowship, by Reverend Jacob C. Goss, of Topsham; address to the church and to the people, by Reverend Benjamin Tappan, of Augusta; concluding prayer, by Reverend William Mittimore, of Falmouth.

On November 27, 1834, Thanksgiving day, the meeting-house, having been repaired and somewhat altered, was dedicated anew.

In 1835 the parish voted to receive an organ, in trust, for the church. Two years later the debt due upon this organ was assumed by the parish. On May 16, 1840, a motion was made in parish meeting to pay the organist fifty dollars. This motion produced an animated discussion. One individual remarked, "I don't wish to wound the feelings of any one. I have felt very unpleasant ever since the



organ came into the meeting-house. It is not acceptable to God. It is very offensive. It begins to make a noise after the hymn is read. — before they begin to sing. It has a very *immoral tendency*. It keeps our minds from other things." No objection to the motion was made by any one else, and the amount was therefore voted.

In 1842 a new bell was put in the tower in place of the old one, which had been cracked in consequence of ringing a fire alarm on the seventeenth of December of the previous year. The cost of this new bell was about one hundred and fifty dollars, and the sum was raised by subscription.

On February 15, 1845, the parish voted to have a new meeting-house built, and to dispose of the old one. Work was at once commenced on it, and it was finished early the next year. Its cost was \$13,101.68. It was dedicated on March 18, 1846. The public exercises were as follows: A voluntary on the organ; an anthem by the choir; reading of Scripture by Reverend Ray Palmer, of Bath; prayer, by Reverend Jonathan Clement, of Topsham; hymn, by Reverend John O. Fisk, of Bath; sermon, by the pastor, Reverend George E. Adams; prayer, by Reverend John W. Chickering, of Portland; hymn, by Reverend E. G. Parsons, of Freeport; benediction, by Reverend James Drummond, of Lewiston.

Doctor Adams closed his ministry in August, 1870. When he went to Brunswick he was called from the Professorship of Sacred Rhetoric, in the Bangor Theological Seminary, and by experience and culture seemed unusually well endowed for the work of the ministry, which, with uninterrupted unanimity, was continued forty-one years. "With perhaps as few trials as have fallen to the lot of any of his contemporaries, he was permitted to witness repeated special manifestations of the Divine favor, and a large increase of the church and of the society. Having come to it when it was comparatively weak, he closed his long service when it had become one of the strong societies of the State. When at last, after an unusually prolonged pastorate, at his own request, moved to it by an inviting call to Orange, New Jersey, he asked to be released from this ministry, he received a united and costly testimonial from his whole people of their affectionate and grateful esteem and affection."<sup>1</sup>

Notwithstanding Doctor Adams's resignation was accepted by the parish, his formal connection therewith was never severed by any act of council, and he died the legal pastor of the society.

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<sup>1</sup> *Church Manual.*

In December, 1870, Reverend Ezra H. Byington (University of Vermont, 1852) was invited to supply the pulpit, and on January 10, 1871, he received a quite unanimous call to settle. He accepted and has remained to the present time, but no *formal* settlement has yet occurred.

To this history of the church and society we add a brief notice of their Sabbath school.

The following sketch of the origin and early history of the Sabbath school is obtained from the church manual. The particulars were obtained from a private journal of the late Deacon John Perry, for many years an active and efficient member and officer of the church:—

“In the winter of 1811–12 an account of a Sabbath school in England, in a newspaper, suggested to Mr. Perry the idea of attempting the same agency for good in this community. He consulted the minister, Reverend Mr. Bailey, and President Appleton, about the expediency of such a movement and the proper method of conducting it. They favored the project, but were not informed of the way in which such schools were managed. They, however, thought that nothing but reading of a religious character should be allowed. To the inquiry whether small children, abecedarians, should be admitted, after deliberation of some days, they decided in favor of it, on the ground that unless such children were taught to read, they could never read the Scriptures. Mr. Perry then, May, 1812, gathered some eighteen of his own and neighbors’ children in the red school-house, School Street, during the hour before morning service. After the hour was spent, most of his school accompanied him to the church. The school was opened by Scripture reading and prayer; lessons were recited in the Bible and primer. Those that could read, read in the Bible at least once, and the portion read he explained as he best could. That first season, closing in October, passed without an assistant or a visitor; and so his service of love continued until in 1816, Mr. David Starret, a student in college (1819), was secured as an assistant, and more interest was taken in this humble work. President Appleton exhibited decided interest in the movement. At his suggestion, several of the church and parish met in 1817 to consider its claims, and the first formal organization of a Sabbath school, as an element in the work of the church, was made. A superintendent was chosen, teachers were appointed, wider interest awakened, and the institution permanently established.”

According to another account with which we have been favored,

“the first school of this kind was opened early in 1816, in the cloth-room of the factory, by Mr. Jacob Abbott, Mr Bourne, and Mr. Edwards, the credit of suggesting it belonging to the former gentleman. Deacon John Perry and several other gentlemen were invited to act as teachers. As the cold weather came on, the school was moved to the school-house near Miss Narcissa Stone's, and David Starrett and a Mr. Vance were the teachers. After a while it was moved to the red school-house.” The writer of the above was connected with this school from its formation until 1826, and says that if one was formed earlier it certainly died out, as there was none in town when this school was formed, in 1816.

The following is a list of the settled pastors of the church, and of the deacons and members prior to the present century : —

## PASTORS.

Reverend Robert Dunlap, 1747–1760 ; Reverend John Miller, 1762–1788 ; Reverend Ebenezer Coffin, 1794–1802 ; Reverend Winthrop Bailey, 1811–1814 ; Reverend Asa Mead, 1822–1829 ; Reverend George Eliashib Adams, 1829–1870 ; Reverend Ezra Byington, 1871.

## DEACONS.

Samuel Stanwood, David Dunning, Samuel Clark, Isaac Snow.

## MEMBERS.

(This list of members is supposed to be quite imperfect, but it includes all the names which can be found in the records.)

LIST IN THE HANDWRITING OF REVEREND JOHN MILLER, WHO WAS ORDAINED NOVEMBER 3, 1762. — John Miller, pastor ; John Orr, Mair Point ; Samuel Stanwood, deacon ; Ebenezer Stanwood, died July 18, 1772 ; Thomas Adams, recommended to the church in Scotland, July, 1765 ; William Ross ; David Dunning, deacon ; William Simpson ; Samuel Clark, deacon ; James Hewey ; Robert Given ; John Given ; Thomas Skolfield ; John Gatchell, Senior ; Isaac Snow, deacon ; Peter Coombs, died January, 1768 ; Peter Coombs, Junior ; Aaron Hinkley ; James Thompson, renounced the church ; Alexander Thompson ; James Curtis, received May, 1763 ; Samuel Whitney, deacon, dismissed to a church to be gathered at St. John's River, eastward ; Reverend Robert Dunlap ; Enoch Danforth, received May, 1763, from church in Arundel ; Benjamin Stone ; George Hayden, or Headon, or Haddean, received September, 1765 ; Joseph Snow, received September, 1765 ; William Wilson, received December, 1762 ;



Samuel Snow, son of Deacon S., received October, 1765; Robin Miller (colored man); Robert Dunning, received May, 1772; ——— Allen; Andrew Dunning, deacon, received July, 1772; William Cotton; Daniel Browne, received July, 1772; Thomas Pennell; Susannah Orr; Hannah Moody, removed to Falmouth; Hannah Minot, Catharine Smart, removed to Penobscot; Jane Rutherford, removed to Georges, eastward; Eliza Stanwood, wife of William; Jane Stanwood; John Smart;<sup>1</sup> John Minot;<sup>2</sup> Jane Dunlap, wife of Reverend Robert; Mary Spear, wife of Robert; Elizabeth Ross, wife of William; Mary Dunning; Hannah Harward; Agnes Simpson, wife of William; Martha Clark, wife of Samuel; Anna Given; Mary Skolfield, wife of Thomas; Mary Snow, daughter of Deacon S., received October, 1765; Mary Whitney, wife of Deacon S. W., dismissed to St. John's River, October, 1765; Sarah Gray, received September, 1765; Dorothy Gray, received September, 1765; Thompson; Thompson; Hinkley; Ham; Elizabeth Hayden, wife of G., received September, 1762; Doreas Danforth, wife of E., received May, 1763; Sarah Gray; Mary Snow; Sarah Dunning, wife of Robert, received July, 1772; Mary Hunt; Margaret Miller, wife of Reverend John; Elizabeth Dunning, wife of Andrew, received July, 1772; Mrs. William Cotton, received July, 1772; Mrs. Daniel Browne, received July, 1772; Alice Pennell, wife of Thomas, died 1839; Sarah Cary. Total number of members, seventy-two.

The following names are found in a list of those admitted to the church during Mr. Miller's ministry, which are not found in the preceding one. This list is apparently also in Mr. Miller's handwriting.

Daniel Hunt, James Elliot, William Dunning, Ephraim Hunt, Samuel Dunlap, Joseph Morse, Joseph Haley, Janett Hunt, wife of Daniel, Ruth Elliot, wife of James: all received April 20, 1783.

A LIST OF MEMBERS WHO SIGNED A CHURCH DOCUMENT WHICH IS WITHOUT DATE, BUT IS AT LEAST AS LATE AS 1783, AS IT INCLUDES THREE NAMES ADMITTED IN 1783.—Judah Chase; Robert Dunning; William Stanwood; Samuel Stanwood, Junior; Samuel Stanwood, 3d; Lewis Simpson; Stephen Skolfield; William Woodside; Daniel Woodside, Junior; Anthony Woodside; David Dunning; David Dunning, Junior; Andrew Dunning; Samuel Stanwood; John Dunlap; William Stanwood, 2d; William Spear; Samuel Dunlap; John Swett; James Cary; William Stanwood, 3d.

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*, 5, p. 311, *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

In a list of church members during the ministry of Reverend Ebenezer Coffin and subsequently, the following are not found in previous lists : —

William Owen ; Patrick Kincaid, deacon, July, 1800 ; Tobias Still ; James Curtis, deacon, removed to Lisbon ; Mary Owen ; Sarah Given ; Martha Ross ; Mrs. Eunice Harding ; Mrs. Hannah Lunt, received August, 1795 ; Jeremiah Minot, received August, 1796 ; Jane Dunlap, received August, 1796 ; Mrs. Goss, received May, 1801.

On account of the former connection of the First Parish with the town, an account is here inserted of the

#### PARISH FUND.

The origin of the fund was this : The meeting-house, which was built in 1806, was built by individuals with the understanding that the pews should be sold at auction, and that all that was paid over the amount needed to reimburse the builders was to go to the parish as a ministerial fund, only the interest of which was to be available for parish purposes. This fund could be added to by donations and otherwise, but the principal was not to be used. In 1816 the *overplus* of the town Commons — one hundred and ninety-seven acres — was set off to the parish and was afterwards sold to Mr. John Given. The proceeds of the sale were added to this fund. This *overplus* of the Commons was the amount of land over the one thousand acres, which by the proprietor's deed of 1783 was to go to the First Parish. It was not the "ministerial lot" of one hundred acres laid out by the proprietors in 1741. What became of the proceeds of the sale of the latter, we do not know. It may have been expended in building the first two meeting-houses. It formed no part of the parish fund. This fund is said at one time to have amounted to \$5,000 or more. At first it was loaned to individuals, and some of the loans were lost by the parties dying insolvent. Afterwards the trustees of the fund bought some thirty or more pews in the meeting-house, and loaned the balance of the funds to the parish. By bad management this fund has dwindled away, and nothing now remains but a small lot of land back of the church.

#### BAPTIST SOCIETIES.

The first services in Brunswick by any preacher of the Baptist denomination were held in the year 1783. About this time Elders Case, Potter, and Lord preached here in some private houses, and though it is not known that they made any converts, the attention of

the people was thus drawn to their particular theological views. On October 21, 1783, Reverend Isaac Case arrived in town. The next afternoon he preached at the house of a Mr. Woodard, and on the afternoon of the following day, he preached at the house of Mr. Samuel Getchell.<sup>1</sup>

In 1789<sup>2</sup> or 1790,<sup>3</sup> Samuel Woodard and others formed themselves into a Baptist Society and refused taxes to the First Parish. In May, 1790, Joseph Morse entered in the town records his protest against ever paying anything to any Congregational or Presbyterian preacher.

On June 20, 1794, Judah Chase, William Mariner, Aaron Snow, Samuel Mariner, John Getchell, John Mariner, Charles Cowan, Peter Jordan, Robert Jordan, Anthony Woodside, David Ferrin, John Ferrin, Robert Dunning, David Clark, Benjamin Getchell, Stephen Getchell, John Williams, George Williams, Philip Higgins, Reuben Higgins, Sylvanus Combs, Philip Higgins, Jr., Samuel Williams, William Thompson, Joseph O'Donehue, Joseph Morse, Richard Orr, William Stanwood, Samuel Dunlap, Daniel Brown, Philip Owens,<sup>4</sup> Samuel Huey, Joseph Ross, John Mariner, Jr., Josiah Simpson, Michael Grows, Nathan Combs, George Winslow, Joseph Saint Combs, William Dunning, Samuel Woodward, Peter Woodward, William Gatchell, Jr., Ezekiel Spaulding, Ezekiel Spaulding, Jr., John S. Gatchell, John Ridout, Samuel Gatchell, John Matthews, David Linscot, William Woodside, Jr., George Combs, and George Combs, Jr., were incorporated by the name of "THE BAPTIST RELIGIOUS SOCIETY IN BRUNSWICK, HARPSWELL, AND BATH."<sup>5</sup> Previous to this time the society had no legal existence.

In May, 1795, the town voted to pass by the fourth article in the warrant concerning allowing the Baptists to use the meeting-houses a part of the time.

The following is a list of the names of those who joined the Baptists in 1796:—

On March 4, David Whitney, Simeon Whitney, Samuel Bean, Joshua Purinton, Abraham Capelon, Lemuel Standish, Jonathan Osgood, Jr., Jonathan Osgood, Francis Winter, Benjamin Chefford, Charles Peterson, William Grace, John Grace, James Ward, Thomas Crawford, Thomas McKenny, Isaiah Crooker, Hannah Crooker, Elijah Williams, Thomas Williams, Jr.

<sup>1</sup> Millett.

<sup>2</sup> Greenleaf's *Ecclesiastical Sketches*

<sup>3</sup> Pejepscot Papers.

<sup>4</sup> Said to have been the first person ever baptized by immersion in Brunswick.

<sup>5</sup> *Massachusetts Special Laws*, 1, p. 529.



On March 10, William Swanton, Jr., John Lowell, Otis Little, Patrick Murray.

On March 12, Joseph West, James Wakefield.

On March 14, John Whitmore, James Mitchell, Eliphalet Lowell, William S. Crooker, Samuel Lumber, Joseph Lumber, Birduck Berry, Thomas Mitchell.

On March 16, John McFarlan, John Eneoc, Patrick Williams, Thomas Williams, John Williams, Joshua Williams, John Campbell, John Lemont, Stephen Combes, Stephen Combes, Jr., Thomas Combes, John Holbrook, John Sprague, Simeon Higgins, Jacob Low, James Low, Zedoc Lincoln, William Marshall, William Marshall, Jr.

On March 17, William Jackson, Edward Oliver, Christopher Daley.

On March 18, Samuel Davis, James Davidson, Samuel Todd, Simeon Tumor, Charles Lincoln, Jonathan Ryon, Benjamin Brown, Jr., Eliphalet Brown, David Coultson, Patrick Grace, Nathaniel Springot, John Sinclair.<sup>1</sup>

In 1798 the town voted "to allow the Baptist Society their extraordinary expense in the lawsuit between them and the other society in this town," which was to be in full of all demands. The object of this suit is nowhere stated, but the record of the Court of Common Pleas shows that at the October term of Court in 1795, "Samuel Woodward of Brunswick in the County of Cumberland, Clerk and Teacher of Piety, Religion and Morality," brought a suit against the inhabitants of Brunswick, one of whom was Thomas Thompson, a deputy sheriff, in a plea of the case that the inhabitants were indebted to the said Woodward in the sum of £10 17s. 6d. The plaintiff failed to recover, and costs were awarded to the defendants for nineteen dollars and eighty-six cents. The plaintiff appealed to a higher court. This was probably the lawsuit referred to, though we cannot be certain about the matter, since the original papers cannot be found. It is probable that there was an assessment of taxes made by the town, which was also the First Parish, upon property of some kind, to sustain preaching, and the suit was instituted by this society to obtain its share of the amount collected.

In 1799, Philip Owen, William Dunning, Daniel Brown, Judah Chase, Samuel Dunlap, Josiah Simpson, Anthony Woodside, Michael Grows, and Joseph Ross withdrew from this society and formed one at Maquoit.

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

The meeting-house of the Brunswick, Harpswell, and Bath society was at New Meadows. The date of its erection, according to the inscription upon the present building, was about 1800. The records of this church are in existence, but we have not been able to procure the loan of them and are therefore unable to give any further account of it.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRUNSWICK.

[1799.] A small number of persons having been led to embrace "Believers' Baptism," thought it might conduce to the glory of God and their comfort to be embodied together in church order. They therefore applied to the church in North Yarmouth and the church in Harpswell, of the Baptist order, for their assistance. Agreeably with this request the elders and messengers from those churches, together with Elder Williams, met at the Baptist meeting-house at Maquoit, on the second week in September, 1799. Elder Woodward preached a sermon in the forenoon on the nature of church order.

The brethren and sisters who met to be embodied were examined with regard to their articles of faith and covenant, and it appearing that they had adopted the same which is embraced by the Bowdoinham Association, a summary of which is printed in their minutes, the council decided to give them the hand of fellowship as a distinct Baptist church. The names of those thus embodied were, Judah Chase, Samuel Dunlap, William Stanwood, Sarah Woodside, Philip Owen, Mrs. Ross, wife of William Ross, and J. Merrill.

Mr. Merrill was dismissed from the Bowdoin church and the others from the Harpswell church in order to form this new church in Brunswick.

William Woodside was baptized, and then the church made choice of Samuel Dunlap as deacon.

Elder Williams having for some time preached to the Baptist society in Brunswick and in Topsham, they mutually requested him to remove his residence among them and preach for the two societies alternately. The invitation was accepted, and he moved with his family to Brunswick, January 24, 1800, preaching half the time for the Baptist society in Brunswick, and half for the Baptist society in Topsham.

On the fifteenth of April, 1800, an arrangement was made by which Elder Williams should preach for the ensuing year for the societies of Brunswick and Topsham, each society paying one hundred dollars for his services.

In April, 1801, Elder Williams was engaged to preach for the Brunswick society alone at a salary of two hundred dollars, and in April, 1802, he was engaged to supply the pulpit for another year. In the spring of 1803 he removed to Beverly, Massachusetts, having preached his farewell discourse on the twenty-fourth of April. "After Elder Williams left us, a Brother Kendall providentially fell in here and preached for us."<sup>1</sup>

On the twenty-second of February, 1803, Philip Owen, William Dunning, Daniel Brown, Judah Chase, Samuel Dunlap, Josiah Simpson, Anthony Woodside, Michael Grows, Joseph Ross, Samuel Stanwood, William Woodside, Andrew Blake, Abraham Toothaker, William Starbird, David Curtis, James Stanwood, Adam Woodside, David Dunning, William Ross, Frederic French, Nathaniel Chase, James Chase, William Swett, Shimuel Owen, Abner Melcher, William Low, Charles Ryan, Ephraim Hunt, William Lunt, Andrew Dunning, William Hunt, Anthony Chase, Gideon Toothaker, John Given, David Given, and Uriah Elliot were incorporated as the BAPTIST SOCIETY IN BRUNSWICK.

The following is a list of the members of the church in 1803: Deacon Samuel Dunlap, Judah Chase, Philip Owen, John Merrill, Esquire, Wm. Woodside, Mrs. Sarah Woodside, Mrs. Ross, wife of Wm. Ross, Abraham Toothaker and his wife, Betsey Owen, Molly Toothaker, Jane Curtiss, Molly Merryman, Mr. Browning and Mrs. Browning, Elisha Snow, Jean Dunning, Betsey Alexander, Martha Hunt, Jane Martin, Mrs. Snow, wife of Elisha Snow, Mrs. Brown, wife of Daniel Brown, Sarah Alexander, Mrs. Sparks, Hitty Hasey, Abner Melcher, Nabby Atherton, Katharine Willson, Andrew Blake, Heziah Blake, Peggy Stanwood, Ann Chase, and Shimuel Owen.

On September 8, 1804, Elder Titcomb, of Portland, at the request of the church and society, agreed "to minister to them in holy things." This invitation was formally extended by the society on August 29, 1805, and was accepted by him on the first of the following September.

On June 2, 1821, Elder Titcomb was dismissed at his own request, and received a letter of recommendation to other churches. The church was destitute of a settled pastor for some time, but had occasional preaching from Elder Titcomb and others.

On January 23, 1822, Benjamin Titcomb, Jr., was ordained, the churches in Topsam, Portland, North Yarmouth, Bath, Harpswell, and Freeport assisting. On November 11 of the same year a com-

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<sup>1</sup> All of this account is from the church and parish records.



mittee consisting of David Given, John O'Brien, and Ephraim Brown was chosen "to provide a suitable place in the village and also another at Maquoit,<sup>1</sup> to meet in the winter for worship, and to take into consideration our present difficult situation in regard to making a selection of a teacher for the present year."

On the eleventh of March, 1824, it was voted that Elder Benjamin Titcomb continue his labors in the church as usual.

On the ninth of August of that year Shimuel Owen, a member of this church, was ordained as an evangelist. In November, a committee was appointed to ascertain the minds of the individual church members as to whether they were satisfied with the labors of Elder Titcomb.

It appears from the records that the church had been somewhat divided, and on the sixth of April, 1825, it was voted that "this church views with abhorrence and detestation their present state as a church, and feeling desirous to walk together in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, we do hereby unitedly agree to bury forever in oblivion all hardness which we may have felt or do now feel in our minds against any of our brethren or sisters, and that we will, with the help of the Divine Spirit, freely and voluntarily forgive all that may have trespassed against us." Up to this time the whole membership of the church was about one hundred and fifty.<sup>2</sup>

On the tenth of April the following members requested to be dismissed to form themselves into a church, or to join some other church, and the request was granted:—

Aaron Dunning, Philip Owen, Catharine H. Putnam, Mary Humphreys, Sarah Owen, Margaret Donahue, Elizabeth Gould, Nancy Swift, Elizabeth Dunning, Mary Blake, Mary Chase, Betsey Petingill, and Sarah Stanwood.

At the same meeting the church refused to grant permission to two of its members to withdraw and join the church of the Second Society, and a committee was chosen to prepare a statement of facts relative to the conduct of the other church since its formation.

On the twenty-sixth of June, 1826, a petition was addressed to Peter O. Alden, Esquire, a justice of the peace, requesting him to issue his warrant to one of the subscribers, directing him to call a meeting of those persons who were desirous of being incorporated into a religious society, to be called the FIRST BAPTIST RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK.

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<sup>1</sup> There was no chimney in the Maquoit meeting-house, and there was therefore no way of heating it.

<sup>2</sup> Millet.

In accordance with this petition, Esquire Alden issued his warrant to Ephraim Brown, directing him to call a meeting of the petitioners on the eighth day of July, 1826. At this meeting the society was organized by the choice of the following officers: —

John Brown, moderator; Jonathan Snow, clerk; David Given, John Brown, and Captain John Given, Jr., assessors; David Given, collector and treasurer; John Brown, David Given, Ephraim Brown, and Samuel Given, standing committee; Ephraim Brown, William H. Morse, William James, wardens; Nathaniel Melcher, sexton.

This organization was virtually the same as that incorporated in 1803, as the "Baptist Society in Brunswick." Many of its members had withdrawn and had established themselves as a society in the village, called the "Second Baptist Society." It is quite probable that the officers of the old society were among those who seceded, and being thus left without an organization, the remaining members applied to a justice of the peace under the laws of Maine, for authority to reorganize under a slightly different name.

In July the society voted to raise two hundred dollars for the ensuing year.

On September, 1826, the churches of the First and Second Societies met to discuss their differences. The church of the First Society claimed that the other church had no right to admit as members those who were excluded from the former, until they had been restored to fellowship and regularly dismissed by it. The church of the Second Society claimed that they had a right to admit such members, so long as the other church had nothing against the Christian character of these individuals. No agreement was reached between the two. In November, Adam Wilson was invited to preach one half the time.

On January 8, 1827, it was voted to join in fellowship with the Second Church, which had acknowledged some irregularities in receiving members who were excluded from the First Church.

On February 23, Elder Benjamin Titcomb asked permission to preach to those of the society who resided in the village, or to hold meetings in that part of the town, and it was voted "that it is the opinion of this church that Elder Titcomb is at liberty to preach anywhere in this town where he views it to be his duty." In April some of the members of the old society complained that many members absented themselves and attended Mr. Titcomb's meeting in the village instead of their own.

It had been the practice for some years to hold the meetings of the society in the village in the winter, and at the old meeting-house at

Maquoit in the summer. This year, on June 1, the village members requested that the meetings might continue in the village through the summer, but it was voted not to do so. A few days later thirteen members petitioned for liberty to attend meeting in the village, as it would be more convenient for them, but their request was not granted. In October, Elder Titcomb asked a dismissal, which was granted him, and also to Mary, his wife, and to Elizabeth Titcomb, Ephraim Brown, and Rebecca, his wife, Thomas Stanwood and wife, Thomas Noyes, Joanna Moore, and Mary R. Dunlap; and on the third of November, Joshua Bishop, David Wilson, William Randall, Mary Perkins, Patience Bishop, James Wilson, Isabelle Merryman, and Ruth Skolfield, of Harpswell, were dismissed to form a church in that town.

On January 4, 1828, a resolution was passed that Elder Titcomb, Ephraim Brown, John O'Brien, and others, "having asked dismissal for the purpose of uniting with some other church, and having joined the First Church at Bath, and under their patronage have established a meeting in the village while there is already one church of this faith there, causes us grief, and we feel in duty bound to express disfellowship with such a procedure."

During the summer of this year, thirty-eight were added to the church.

In consequence of the action of the First Baptist Church in Bath in sustaining the new movement in Brunswick village, a council was held February 29, 1829, to settle the difficulties between that church and the First Baptist Church in Brunswick, but the action of the council is not recorded. On May 31, however, the Bath church sent a confession of their wrong-doing in having set up a branch church in Brunswick without consultation with the churches already existing there. This action of the Bath church evidently reconciled this church to the formation of the new one in the village, for on October 11, Jonathan Snow and Thomas Ward were chosen delegates to assist in organizing the branch of the Bath church, known as the Federal Street Church, in Brunswick; into an independent church.

The pulpit of the Maquoit or First Baptist Church had been supplied during the past three years by Elders Samuel Mariner, Adam Wilson, Shmuel Owen, and Henry Randall.<sup>1</sup>

On May 22, 1830, it was agreed to try to raise money by subscription for the support of the gospel.

On the twentieth of August, 1831, it was voted that Elder John

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<sup>1</sup> *Millett.*



Bailey, formerly of Wiscasset, take the pastoral care of the church. He resigned his pastorate in June, 1833.

Elder William Johnson became pastor of the church in 1836, and continued in that capacity until 1840. In July, 1836, Elder Noah Norton and wife were received by letter from the Baptist Church in Bowdoin. In 1838 the parish voted to raise by tax one hundred and fifty dollars for the ensuing year's expenses.

In April, 1840, it was voted to engage Elder Noah Norton, and to raise one hundred and fifty dollars by tax, and fifty dollars by subscription.

It was voted this year that all pew-owners should give up their pews, and that thereafter they should all be free.

On May 1, 1841, it was voted to build a new meeting-house, and that it should stand on the west side of the twelve-rod road, near the road leading to Harpswell; and Captain William Stanwood, Jonathan Snow, Jacob Skolfield, and William Stanwood, 2d, were chosen a building committee. Although there is nothing further upon the subject in the records, it is known that instead of building a new meeting-house, the one on Federal Street, belonging to the Universalists, was, about 1846, purchased and moved to a lot near the junction of the old Harpswell and Mair Point roads, and it was thereafter known as the "Forest Church."

From 1841 to 1845, Elder Norton was annually chosen preacher.

Elder Joseph Hutchinson was chosen pastor in 1848, and in 1852 was dismissed at his own request.

Meetings seem to have been held in the years 1853, 1858, and 1866, but there is no record of any settled pastor, or of any important transactions.

On May 19, 1867, Grenville M. Atkins was invited to become their pastor, and accepted the invitation. He was ordained June 13, 1867. He preached a few days over a year, resigning his charge on May 31, 1868. Since then there has been no settled pastor of this church.

The last entry in the records is dated April 29, 1867, and is to the effect that the parish met on that day and reorganized, and voted "to raise all we can for the support of the gospel."

Connected with the history of this church is the following anecdote which is told of William Woodside. He became "converted" under the preaching of Elder Potter, and at one of the meetings related his "experience," and, as was the custom in those days, he had much to say derogatory of himself. He was in reality a very good man, but in his remarks he called himself a bad man, one who was wholly evil,

whose every act was wicked, and whose imaginations were all vain. When he sat down, a relative arose and with becoming gravity said that he could vouch for the truth of all William had said!

#### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1825, a church was regularly constituted in this place, agreeably to the Baptist platform, by a council assembled for the purpose, under the title of the "Second Baptist Church in Brunswick." The council consisted of delegates from eight churches, who were unanimously agreed in giving the right hand of fellowship. The records of this church have not been found, and it is not positively known who were its members. It is probable, however, that Aaron Dunning, Philip Owen, Catharine H. Putnam, Mary Humphreys, Sarah Owen, Margaret Donahue, Elizabeth Gould, Nancy Swift, Elizabeth Dunning, Mary Blake, Mary Chase, Betsey Pettingill, Sarah Stanwood, Heman Pettingill, and Stanwood Dunning were among the first members. All of these persons were previously members of the First Baptist Church, and were dismissed from that church on the tenth of April of that year in order "to form themselves into a church, or to join some other church." The Second Baptist *Society* was not formed for a year later.

In 1826 a meeting-house was erected on School Street. Elder Shimuel Owen was pastor of this society from 1827 until it dissolved, in 1840.<sup>1</sup> The building was then sold to the Congregationalists, and has been used by them ever since as a vestry.

#### FEDERAL STREET BAPTIST SOCIETY.

In 1828, Elder Benjamin Titcomb, Ephraim Brown, John O'Brien, and a few other members of the First Baptist Society, asked and received dismissal from that church and united with the First Baptist Church of Bath, under whose patronage they established meetings in the village of Brunswick. Notwithstanding there was at the same time another Baptist society in the village (the Second Baptist), and notwithstanding the opposition made toward this new movement by the First Baptist Society, it was successful, and in 1829 it was organized as a church. In April, work was begun upon a meeting-house, and the building was completed on the twelfth of the following September. It was situated on Federal Street, at the corner of what is now Franklin Street.<sup>2</sup> This church, it is said, was under the pastoral

<sup>1</sup> Millet.

<sup>2</sup> It is now the Catholic Church.

care of Elder Titcomb during the whole period of its existence. It was dropped from the association of Baptist churches in 1839. No records of the church having been found, we are unable to give a more complete and accurate sketch.

#### MAINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

In the early part of 1840 a very extensive revival took place in Topsham and Brunswick. In October, twenty-four persons from the church in Topsham, who resided in Brunswick, were organized into a church. The *society* was formed in the same year, and a meeting-house, containing seventy-five pews, was erected on Maine Street, a few rods north of Lincoln Street.<sup>1</sup> The Reverend Paul S. Adams, from South Berwick, was the first pastor, from January 3, 1841, to 1843. He was succeeded by Reverend Dudley C. Haynes, whose pastorate lasted between two and three years.

Reverend John Hubbard, Jr., was chosen pastor January, 1846, at a salary of two hundred dollars per annum. His pastorate ended October 4, 1851. Reverend J. W. Coburn was pastor from March 15, 1852, until June 2, 1853; and in November of the latter year he was succeeded by the Reverend Charles Ayer, who remained until September 1, 1856. Reverend E. Andrews, an evangelist, then supplied the pulpit for a few months, and was succeeded by the Reverend James D. Reid, in October, 1857. In 1859, Reverend Charles Ayer again supplied the pulpit.

In June, 1860, the Reverend George Knox was installed as pastor of the society. In June, 1861, Mr. Knox was granted a leave of absence to act as chaplain of a Maine regiment, and Reverend S. W. Taylor was engaged to supply the pulpit during his absence. The former was discharged from his pastorate, at his own request, November 17, 1861. He was afterward killed by a fall from his horse.

In 1862, Reverend T. J. B. House was chosen pastor, and remained with the society three years. In 1865, Reverend C. M. Herring was chosen pastor. During his pastorate a vestry was built and the meeting-house was repaired and remodelled.

Mr. Herring resigned his pastorate July 26, 1868, and was succeeded, the next spring, by Reverend S. W. Emerson, who remained but one year.

Reverend B. F. Lawrence became pastor in June, 1870, and

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<sup>1</sup> *The present Baptist Church.*



remained for four years. Reverend E. S. Small, the present pastor, began his pastorate February 20, 1876.

The foregoing sketch of this parish is made from notes furnished by the parish clerk. It is not so full as could be wished, but is as complete as possible from the notes furnished.

#### SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

There has never been any organized society of Friends in Brunswick, but about 1772 several Quakers moved into town and settled not far from the line between Brunswick and Durham. Some of them had previously been living in Harpswell.<sup>1</sup> Others joined them, and there are now a number of excellent people in the west end of the town who belong to this denomination. Their meeting-house is in the town of Durham, and they belong to the society of that town.

#### FREE-WILL BAPTIST SOCIETIES.

About 1793, Elder Pelatiah Tingley, of Waterboro', formerly of Sanford, began, with others, to hold religious meetings in Brunswick. These meetings were usually held at the house of William Alexander.<sup>2</sup> About 1799 the FIRST FREE-WILL BAPTIST SOCIETY, or as it was sometimes called, the "CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN BRUNSWICK AND FREEPORT," was formed. The first church meeting was held at James Elliot's on October 23. The members were Obadiah Curtis, Adam Elliot, William Alexander, Anthony Morse, Joseph Ward, John Coombs, Susannah Morey, Hannah and Margaret Coombs.

In 1807 the records state that there was considerable contention in the church, but the cause thereof is not given. On August 27, of this year, the church numbered forty members. In 1809 there was a "considerable want of union and many backsliders."

In 1810 the church was more prosperous, and many converts were made. This year their meeting-house was built. It was a one-story building, and was situated near Noah Melcher's, on the old Freeport road. It was, it is said, the second meeting-house of this denomination in the State.

In 1813, on December 16th, Elder Adam Elliot, who had been settled about August, 1803, died, and the pulpit became vacant. In 1816, Elder George Lamb was settled. The whole number of members up to June 1, 1817, was one hundred and fifty.

On May 2, 1818, a division occurred in the church, on the question

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Stewart's Free-Will Baptists.*

of washing of feet after the manner of the early disciples, and a few members withdrew because the rite was not observed.

On February 22, 1823, owing to the small number of members and the low state of interest existing, the society was declared dissolved. On January 17, 1826, the church was reorganized by a committee from the Quarterly Meeting. The first meeting after the reorganization was held on the fourth of February. On November 14, 1827, the Union Meeting-House at "Growstown" was finished, and the future meetings of this society were held in it.

In 1831, June 25, the church voted to use a bass-viol with their singing. A resolve to use no ardent spirits, except as a medicine, was passed at this meeting. On February 22, 1834, it was voted to deal with all church members who had taken the pledge of temperance and had violated it. Elder Lamb resigned his pastorate on September 25, 1835. He died in Brunswick, December 14, 1836, having served as pastor nineteen years. August 12, 1837, Elder Andrew Rollins was received as pastor of the church. The whole number of members, between 1826 and 1839, was one hundred and ninety-three.

On May 16, 1840, it was voted to increase Elder Rollins's salary from three hundred to three hundred and fifty dollars. February 20, 1841, it was voted to recognize singing as a means of worship, and to make regulations in regard to the same. On July 22, 1842, Amos Lunt, Amos Lunt, Jr., Thomas Coombs, George Cobb, and Phineas Collins were dismissed, to organize the Freeport and Brunswick Church. On June 30, Elder Ezra Crowell was ordained.

June 8, 1844, Elder E. G. Eaton was elected as pastor. He was dismissed February 12, 1847. During the latter year Elder E. F. Page officiated. On February 12, 1848, Elder Almon Libby was settled. He was dismissed February 14, 1852, and in May of that year Elder Rollins was again settled. The whole number of members up to 1851 was three hundred and sixty-eight, of which two hundred and twenty-five were females.

February 12, 1853, the church repealed the old covenant and adopted the *New Testament as a covenant*. On September 20, 1856, Elder D. Waterman was settled. In 1859, Elder Chaney was settled over the church, but his pastorate was a short one, as he resigned in the October following. On February 16, 1860, Elder Hutchinson was settled.

THE FREE BAPTIST SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK VILLAGE was originally composed of members of the church at Topsham who resided in Brunswick, and who, on account of the distance, resolved to form a church of their own.

The first sermon was delivered in McLellan Hall, by Reverend Doctor Graham. No step had at that time been taken to form a society, though the matter had been somewhat discussed. On the evening of October 25, 1865, five men met at the house of Mr. Ezekiel Thompson to form a society. Church officers were appointed to serve six months, and on the next Sabbath Reverend A. H. Heath, then of Bates College Theological School, was invited to preach at the Good Templars' Hall. The Sunday school was organized at the second meeting of the society, November 5, 1865. Mr. Heath continued to preach until the spring of 1876, when he returned to his studies at the Theological School, and Reverend E. C. B. Hallam, a returned missionary, was engaged to preach in his stead.

On the afternoon of April 12, 1866, a council of ministers met at McLellan Hall, — to which place the society had moved its meetings, — to formally organize the church. Forty persons, including five converts, composed the society at this time. The council approved the course that had been taken, accepted the letters of recommendation that were presented, and extended the right hand of fellowship to the new society. Mr. Hallam was then installed as pastor. On the third of June following, the first communion service was held. Mr. Hallam was requested by the Missionary Board to return to India, and in consequence of his acquiescence, he was obliged to preach his farewell sermon on Sunday eve, November 11.

In 1867, Reverend S. D. Church was called to the pulpit, and preached for two years. During his pastorate eleven persons were received into the church. Reverend W. F. Smith commenced to preach to this society on August 22, 1869. The church at that time had sixty-five members and a growing congregation. Upon the completion of Lemont Hall, in 1870, the majority of the society desired to occupy it, and it was accordingly engaged for the Sabbath services. This change of place met with earnest opposition, however, from a few members, who refused to enter the new hall and withdrew their support to the society. Consequently, upon the eighth of June, nine persons, including both deacons, were excluded from church membership. During Mr. Smith's pastorate forty-three persons were added to the church by baptism or by letter.

On November 30, 1872, the resignation of Reverend Mr. Smith was accepted. He was succeeded by Reverend H. P. Lamprey, who preached for one year, then by Doctor Heath, of Hallowell. The time of the latter was divided between two churches and the practice of medicine.



In the early part of 1875, Reverend B. M. Edwards, the present pastor, was settled. The society had for some time desired a house of worship, and in 1874 a lot of land upon O'Brien Street was purchased for the site of one. In the autumn of 1875 the building was commenced. The vestry on the lower floor was finished before the middle of the following summer, and on the ninth of July, 1876, the first sermon in the new house was preached by Mr. Edwards. It was owing largely to the efforts of the pastor that the building was erected.

This church in its first years was unfortunate in losing many of its leading members by death, among whom were Deacon Dresser, Mr. Ezekiel Thompson, and Mrs. Smiley. "Aunt Smiley," as she was called, had prayer-meetings at her house for more than thirty years, and when this society was formed, their weekly prayer-meetings were held there until after her death. Mr. Thompson was elected a deacon after Mr. Dresser died, and served faithfully up to the time of his own decease. Deacon Dresser was one of the most active members in forming the society and was always zealous in its support.

A good degree of religious interest has always been kept up in this society, and the church shared largely in the revival work of the past winter. There are now one hundred and twenty-nine members. The Sunday school has been well supported, and there are now connected with it nine teachers and one hundred and thirty scholars.<sup>1</sup>

#### UNIVERSALIST AND UNITARIAN SOCIETIES.

The records of the UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY, previous to its uniting with the Unitarians in 1850, having been lost or destroyed, a perfectly accurate history of the society is impossible. It is believed, however, that the following sketch is substantially correct, and it is as complete as could be made from the material at our disposal.

The first movement toward sustaining Universalist preaching here was made in the year 1812. The nature of that movement is best shown by the following agreement, the original of which is now in the possession of Mr. Harvey Stetson, son of the Harvey Stetson who is named in the agreement:—

"BRUNSWICK, January 20th, 1812.

"We, whose names are here under written, Do Profess to believe in the Doctrine of Universal Salvation by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: And feeling it our Duty as well as our privilege and

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<sup>1</sup> For the particulars of the foregoing sketch, we are indebted to the pastor and to the parish clerk.

highest happiness to worship the one living and true God in Christ Jesus: Do hereby agree and enter into Solemn Covenant to assemble together as a Religious Society on the Sabbath as often as we can conveniently to worship the most high God: And that we will pay our proportion towards the expense of procuring a convenient place for convening together for publick and social Worship: and for the support of Publick Teachers of Piety, Religion and Christian Morality in our Society:

“ LEMUEL SWIFT	DEAN SWIFT
JONATHAN EASTMAN	NATH <sup>l</sup> BADGER
JAMES MERRILL	HARVEY STETSON
JAMES CARY	EDWARD RAYMOND
JAMES JONES	JAMES MAXWELL
ROBERT EASTMAN	EDWARD WELCH
E. H. GOSS	PHINEAS TAYLOR
JAMES CARY JR.	IRA FULLER
ROGER MERRILL	JOSEPH KIMBALL
ELIJAH HALL	JOHN LEE
JOHN MARSTON	EDMUND PRADY
ABNER PRATT	SOLOMON GRAY
BENJ. STEPHENS	REED WELCH
JOHN GRAY	BURT TOWNSEND
ABNER A. KELLEY	ALLEN WING.
STEPHEN LENNOX	31 ”

They were incorporated in October of that year as the *FIRST UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN SOCIETY IN BRUNSWICK*. Mr. Dean Swift is probably the only one of the signers of the foregoing paper who is now living.

Soon after this agreement was made, arrangements were made with the Reverend Thomas Barnes, of Norway, to preach here once a month. The meetings were held in Washington Hall. Mr. Barnes came here on Saturday, on horseback, and returned on Monday. After the cotton-mill was built, in 1812-13, he received a good part of his pay in cotton yarn, which he carried home in his saddle-bags. He preached here for, probably, a year and a half. Mr. Barnes was called the “Father of Universalism in Maine.” He came to Maine from Massachusetts in 1799 as an itinerant preacher. He was ordained over the united societies of Norway, New Gloucester, Falmouth, and Gray, January 6, 1802. He died in Poland in 1814.

Reverend Jacob Wood, of Saco, succeeded Mr. Barnes, preaching here occasionally, but for how long a time is uncertain. Probably

other itinerants visited the place from time to time. In 1826, Reverend Sylvanus Cobb<sup>1</sup> preached here several Sabbaths.

On the twenty-seventh of January, 1827, Major Burt Townsend,<sup>2</sup> Captain Roger Merrill,<sup>2</sup> Captain Joseph McLellan,<sup>2</sup> Thomas Taylor,<sup>2</sup> Colonel Andrew Dennison,<sup>2</sup> Joshua Lufkin,<sup>2</sup> Harvey Stetson,<sup>2</sup> James Derby,<sup>2</sup> A. C. Raymond, Joseph Lunt, John L. Swift, and others whose names we cannot ascertain, formed a society under the name of THE UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM.

Arrangements were at once made with Reverend Mr. Cobb to preach once in three or four weeks. The meetings were held in Washington Hall. This engagement continued until February, 1828 (about one year), when it terminated.

In April of that year Reverend Seth Stetson (Father Stetson, as he was called in later years) came East on a missionary tour, and preached here, for the first time, on Thursday evening, April 17, 1828. On the following Sunday, as he says in his diary, he "preached in a large hall to a good number of men." The next day he went to Topsham, where he was the guest of Major William Frost, and in the evening he preached in the court-house. From Topsham he went to Bowdoinham and other places in the vicinity, and soon after returned to Boston, where he then resided.

About the first of June following, he received an invitation to remove to Brunswick, and preach in the three towns of Brunswick, Bath, and Bowdoinham, alternately. He accepted the invitation, and on the twenty-second of June, 1828, he preached in Brunswick, and continued to preach there every third Sabbath until May 10, 1829, when his engagement closed.

A meeting-house for this parish was erected in 1829. It was situated on Federal Street, directly opposite the present high-school building. Reverend Mr. Stetson was invited to preach in the new meeting-house during the winter, for which he received eight dollars a Sabbath. After the twenty-first of February, 1830, he preached a few Sabbaths for what he could get, a collection being taken up each Sabbath. The amount collected being too small for his necessities, he gave up the field and went on a missionary tour, and in May following removed with his family to Buckfield.

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<sup>1</sup> He was afterwards settled at Malden, Massachusetts, where he died. He was a prominent clergyman in the denomination.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.



From this time until 1835 the Universalists were without preaching, and their meeting-house was occupied by the

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ON the eleventh of December, 1829, a meeting of Unitarians was held, and it was decided to form a society for the establishment and maintenance of Unitarian preaching in Brunswick. The organization was effected on the third day of January, 1830, under the title of *THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK*,<sup>1</sup> and was composed of twenty-three members, all of whom were avowed Unitarians. No records having been kept, we are unable to give a complete list of the members. Among them, however, were the following: Benjamin Weld, Charles Weld, Governor Dunlap, Professor Henry W. Longfellow, Ebenezer Everett, John Coburn, John S. Cushing, Humphrey Purinton, and Major William Frost.

A subscription paper was soon after circulated to raise funds to support preaching. This list numbered fifty-five, and included some Universalists who sympathized with the Unitarians, and were willing to aid in support of Unitarian preaching.

The Universalists gave the use of their meeting-house, and in June, 1830, the first Unitarian sermon was preached in Brunswick. Reverend Andrew Bigelow was the preacher.

From June, 1830, to June, 1835, there was regular Unitarian preaching, but there was not any of this time a settled minister. Of those who supplied the pulpit, Mr. Wiswell remained the longest.<sup>2</sup> He preached here from 1832 to 1834,—a little more than two years.

The other ministers supplied for a longer or shorter time, varying from two to ten or twelve Sundays each. The meetings were well attended, the building being generally well filled, but seldom or never crowded. Professor Longfellow conducted a Bible class for several years, which was largely attended, and which is spoken of by members of the class as having been exceedingly interesting and instructive.

<sup>1</sup> *This society had, however no legal existence.*

<sup>2</sup> *The ministers supplying the pulpit after Mr. Bigelow, were: H. Edes, Allen Putnam, Caleb Stetson, William Newell, John H. Williams, Alonzo Hill, Sidney Willard, A. B. Muzzey, John Goldsby, William D. Wiswell, William A. Whitwell, Jabez Whitman, R. A. Johnson, A. Davis, and Charles A. Farley.*

A part of the congregation was composed of Topsham people, and after a time the meetings alternated between Brunswick and Topsham to accommodate them. Finally it was agreed between the Universalists and Unitarians that the former should maintain preaching in Brunswick and the latter in Topsham. (See sketch of Unitarian society of Topsham.) In 1835 the

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Made a third engagement with Reverend Seth Stetson to supply their pulpits. Accordingly he again removed to Brunswick with his family, and ever after resided here. His engagement began on the twenty-eighth of June, 1835, and ended on the twenty-eighth of February, 1836.

Early in June, 1836, Reverend Stephen A. Sneathen came here from Massachusetts, and preached occasionally during the months of June, July, and August. Reverend G. M. Quinby, then settled at Yarmouth, also preached here occasionally during the same period. On the tenth of August, in this year, Mr. Sneathen entered into an engagement to preach every other Sabbath, a part of the time in Topsham. This arrangement was continued during the remainder of the year. On the twenty-fifth of January, 1837, Mr. Sneathen was ordained, and became the first settled minister of the society. He was a young man, physically a cripple, but said to be a speaker of more than ordinary ability. His pastorate ended in the spring of 1838.

Mr. Sneathen was succeeded by Reverend Sidney Turner, whose pastorate commenced in June or July, 1838, and lasted until about the first of September, 1840. Father Stetson says of him in his diary, "He was a young Congregational minister who turned Universalist, but after a year or two he turned back again. He married a minister's widow in Bingham, where he was settled in 1849."

In October, 1840, "Father" Stetson began his fourth and last engagement, preaching every other Sunday until April, 1842.

He was succeeded by Reverend Giles Bailey,<sup>1</sup> who began a supply of the pulpit in April, 1842. In July he removed here from Winthrop, the place of his first pastorate, and where he

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<sup>1</sup> Now pastor of the Universalist Church in Reading, Pennsylvania, and to whom we are indebted for many of the facts contained in this sketch.

was ordained. He preached regularly during the year, but was not formally installed until January 7, 1843. The installation sermon was preached by Reverend Mr. Gardiner, of Waterville. The pastorate of Mr. Bailey continued until September, 1848, when he resigned to enter upon the duties of the missionary agency of the Maine Universalist Convention. The society was, during the pastorate of Mr. Bailey, in its most flourishing condition. The officers of the society at that time were Colonel Andrew Dennison, and Anthony Raymond (or "Father" Raymond, as he was called), deacons; Isaac Center, clerk; Nathaniel Badger, collector and treasurer. During this pastorate the Mason Street Church was built. It was dedicated in December, 1846.

After the resignation of Mr. Bailey the church was without a pastor for several months. Early in the year 1849, Reverend W. C. George was called to the charge. He remained only a year, when the society was again without a pastor.

The Universalist Society of Brunswick and the Unitarian Society of Topsham were both at this time in a feeble condition, the result chiefly of deaths and removals. It was therefore proposed to unite the two societies in one organization, to be known as

#### THE MASON STREET RELIGIOUS SOCIETY.

The necessary arrangements were made, and went into effect on the first Sunday in November, 1850. Reverend Amos D. Wheeler, of Topsham, Unitarian, was the pastor.

There was a debt of one thousand dollars upon the house, six hundred dollars of which was procured by the pastor from prominent Unitarians in Boston, and the balance was paid by individual subscriptions in the society.

The engagement of Reverend Doctor Wheeler was for five years only, and the salary was to be raised in equal proportions by the members of the society from the two towns. Doctor Wheeler's engagement was renewed from time to time, so that his services were not discontinued until October 1, 1865, at which time he delivered his farewell discourse, having been appointed by the American Unitarian Association to act in a missionary capacity in the State of Maine.

During Doctor Wheeler's pastorate the ladies of this society formed an association, the object of which was:—

"*First*, the promotion of kind, social, Christian intercourse and



feeling among its members and generally throughout the society with which it is connected; and *secondly*, to aid in the accomplishment of any religious or benevolent purpose from its funds or otherwise as a majority of its members may determine."

Doctor Wheeler was succeeded by Reverend William Ellery Copeland, who was ordained on Thursday, July 26, 1866. The services were as follows:—

Introductory prayer, by Reverend Casneau Palfrey, D. D., of Belfast; reading of Scripture, by Reverend John Nichols, of Saco; anthem, by choir; sermon, by Reverend George Putnam, D. D., of Roxbury, Massachusetts; hymn; ordaining prayer, by Reverend A. D. Wheeler, D. D.; charge, by Reverend Edward E. Hale, of Boston; right hand of fellowship, by Reverend Charles C. Salter, of West Cambridge, Massachusetts; address to the people, by Reverend Charles C. Everett, of Bangor; hymn; benediction, by the pastor.

Mr. Copeland, like his predecessor, was a Unitarian in his views. The society, however, owing to the various causes which usually combine to weaken any religious association, became gradually feeble, and as it became so, the Universalist element preponderated. Mr. Copeland gave good satisfaction while pastor, though he laid himself open to the objection that was made, that he cared more for the temperance cause than he did for the success of this church. He resigned his charge in 1869, and in 1870 Reverend William R. French, a Universalist, was chosen to fill his place, and continued as pastor of the society until 1875, when he resigned. During his pastorate Mr. French labored faithfully and well for the interests of the society. Since his resignation no regular services have been held by either the Universalists or Unitarians.

#### THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK.

This society was legally organized on the fifth day of August, 1874. The incorporators numbered fifty-three. Stephen J. Young, W. B. Purinton, A. G. Poland, Emeline Weld, and Harriet Tebbets were elected a standing committee; Henry W. Wheeler, clerk; A. V. Metcalf, treasurer; Humphrey Purinton, collector; H. P. Thompson and Alonzo Day, assessors.

A code of by-laws was adopted and a committee chosen to present, at some future time, plans for a chapel suitable for the accommodation of the society, and to take measures to secure a suitable lot.

In March, 1875, a lot was purchased on the corner of Federal and Pearl Streets for \$1,500, the amount having been subscribed by members of the society. The society has not yet erected a church edifice, but the organization is maintained.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL SOCIETY OF BRUNSWICK.

The first Methodist preaching in Brunswick, of which we have any account, was in the year 1821. At that time Melville B. Cox, while laboring on a circuit approaching within eight miles of this place, came here and, securing the use of the school-house near the colleges, commenced a course of Sunday-evening lectures. His devout appearance and the pathos of his words interested his hearers and soon drew a considerable congregation, among whom were many students. One family in the place kindly opened their doors for his entertainment. After he had continued his appointment for some time, he came one Sabbath evening, wearied with the labors of the day and a long ride, from his place of preaching during the day, and called at the house of his host. He saw no signs of any one in the house, and knocked at the door several times, when at length the man came to the door and said that he was very sorry to inform him that he must turn him away from his house or be turned away himself. The preacher repaired to the place of meeting without a supper, preached his last sermon in Brunswick, and then rode eight miles to find a lodging; such was the opposition at that time against the Methodists.

In the latter part of 1828, or early in 1829, Reverend William H. Norris, then stationed at Bath, preached a few times in this place, after which meetings were held occasionally by local preachers from Bath. At the Maine Annual Conference, held in July, 1829, Reverend Benjamin Bryant was appointed to the Bath circuit, including the upper part of Bath, New Meadows, and Brunswick. He spent a few Sabbaths in this village and formed a "class" of five members, namely, Mrs. Snowden, Miss Jane Blake, Miss Eunice McLellan, Miss Margaret Todd, and Miss Maria Walker. The last two are still living.

The encouragement was so small that the place was abandoned, and at the succeeding Conference the circuit was merged in the Bath station.

Soon after the above-mentioned class was formed, two Methodist students entered Bowdoin College (in 1828 and 1829). One of these, John Johnston (afterwards Professor of Natural Science

in Wesleyan University), manifested a firm attachment to Methodism and cordially identified himself with the humble society at Brunswick. The other, Charles Adams, was a licensed preacher, and preached in the neighborhood of Brunswick as occasion offered during his college course. Under his direction the small class increased in numbers, strengthened by occasional recruits from the college students.

In the fall of 1833 the class consisted of about fourteen persons, of whom five were students in college.

In the winter of 1834 an arrangement was made with a number of preachers in neighboring towns to supply preaching one half the time on the Sabbath, until the session of the Conference in the following July. The preaching was gratuitous, the society paying the travelling expenses of the minister.

At this Conference (1834) an application was made for a preacher to be supported in part by funds of the Missionary Society. But the condition of the funds would not allow such an appropriation. The services of Reverend James Warren, a very acceptable local preacher, were obtained one half of the time. The request for a preacher was renewed the next year, 1835, and Mr. Warren was appointed to Bowdoinham and Brunswick circuit. In consequence of ill-health, Mr. Warren retired from the circuit in two or three months, and Asahel Moore, who had just graduated at Bowdoin College, and who had always been warmly interested in the society, was engaged to take charge of it and visit it once in two or three weeks, being then engaged in teaching school at Gardiner. Early in the spring of 1836 he closed his school and devoted his whole time to the society in Brunswick. At this time there were about forty members in the society, including seven college students.

These meetings were held on the Sabbath in the Congregational conference-room, or in the Universalist meeting-house, which was hired for this purpose.

On the sixteenth of April, 1836, Eliphalet S. Bryant, Daniel Smith, Charles Evans, Rufus Rich, Ebenezer Stockbridge, and Albert Merrill requested Moses E. Woodman, Esquire, a justice of the peace, to issue a warrant to one of the applicants, directing him to call a meeting of the applicants for the purpose of organizing a religious society or parish, by the name of the Methodist Episcopal Society, in Brunswick. The warrant was issued, and on the twenty-fifth of April the applicants referred to met at the Baptist Meeting-House on Federal Street, and after appointing Asahel Moore,



Sandford K. Ballard, Stephen M. Vail, and Samuel G. Lane to be their associates, organized by the choice of Sanford K. Ballard, chairman, and Stephen M. Vail, clerk. A constitution was then adopted, and a board of trustees was elected, consisting of Honorable Allen F. Cobb, of Durham, John Wilkinson, of Bath, Ebenezer Moore, of Gardiner, John Moore, of Gardiner, Eliphalet Bryant, of Brunswick, Ephraim Sturdivant, of Cumberland, and Samuel G. Lane, of Brunswick.

In September following, the meeting-house on the east side of Federal Street, called the "Baptist Branch Meeting-House," previously occupied by the society of which Reverend Mr. Titcomb was pastor, was bought by the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Society for the sum of \$1,900, and the lot upon which the building stood was purchased for fifty dollars additional. In payment the trustees gave notes payable at the expiration of one year. Something more than one half the amount was paid during the year, and new notes were given for the balance.

On the tenth of January, 1838, the house was paid for, and on the seventeenth of April following the society was entirely free from debt. The whole pecuniary responsibility in the purchase of the meeting-house was assumed by Mr. Sturdivant. Some help was received from abroad, but in order to relieve Mr. Sturdivant from his heavy burden the parsonage (which had been built mostly by the generosity of Thomas Knowlton) was deeded to him, and the debt due to him mostly paid.

At the annual Conference, held in August, 1836, the Reverend Mark Trafton was appointed to Brunswick. He remained with the society about three months, and left in the apprehension that he could not receive a support. The society was thus thrown into great discouragement. In this emergency the pulpit was supplied by Isaiah McMahon, a student in college.

In 1837, Reverend C. P. Bragdon took charge of the society. His labors were quite successful, and a considerable number were added to the church. From 1838 to 1840, Reverend C. C. Cone was the preacher in charge. His labors were quite successful, and the society was increased from seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-seven. He was succeeded by Reverend A. P. Hillman. During the two years' appointment of this preacher the society was reduced to ninety-three members. No cause for this diminution of membership is given in the society's records.

In the year 1842, Reverend Asahel Moore was appointed to Bruns-

wick. The society was laboring under great embarrassment from its feebleness, but was considerably improved under the labors of Mr. Moore, there being one hundred and fifteen members at the close of his two years' labor.

Reverend Cornelius Stone was the preacher in charge in 1844. A few conversions occurred during the year, but the number of deaths and removals was more than sufficient to offset the gain.

In 1845, Reverend Daniel Fuller was appointed to Brunswick. During the second year of his labors his health broke down and he did not long survive. His last sermon was preached in January, 1857, his subject being the *Eternal World*. He was a good preacher and a faithful pastor.

His successor, Reverend John W. True, was appointed at the Conference held in Saco the same year. The church at this time was much enfeebled by removals and in consequence of being deprived of their pastor most of the year. The pastor was considerably interrupted in his work by sickness and other embarrassments, and the society hardly held its own during these two years.

During the year 1849 the society was without a preacher.

In the spring of 1850 the society raised the sum of two hundred dollars and repaired the meeting-house. Reverend Ezekiel Robinson was the preacher in charge.

Reverend Charles Munger was pastor in 1851-2, and Reverend Joseph Hawkes in 1853.

Reverend J. C. Perry was appointed to Brunswick in 1854, and a considerable revival occurred during the year.

In 1855, Reverend Parker Jaques was the preacher.

In 1856-59, Reverend Charles W. Morse spent three years and ten months at Brunswick with varied success.

From 1845 till 1854 Brunswick was a missionary station. There was no appropriation subsequent to that time. Mr. Morse was retired from active duties, but, on account of the protracted sickness of his wife, he had charge for the fourth year at Brunswick.

In 1860 and 1861 no material change occurred in the condition of the society. Reverend John Cobb was pastor.

In 1862-3, Reverend Josiah H. Newhall was preacher in charge. During the second year there was considerable religious excitement in the village, caused by the labors of the revivalist, Reverend Mr. Hammond, and a considerable revival occurred in the Methodist Society. Mr. Newhall was a fine scholar, a native of Lynn, and a graduate of Wesleyan University. He died suddenly of paralysis in 1866.

In 1864, Reverend W. W. Baldwin, an energetic young man, was preacher in-charge and had considerable success. The following year he went to Montana as a missionary.

Reverend John B. Lapham was appointed to Brunswick in 1865 and 1867. Under his labors there was considerable revival and accession to the strength of the society. In 1866 the old meeting-house was sold and the present one erected. In 1868 furniture for a parsonage was purchased, and a new communion service was bought.

Reverend Stephen Allen was preacher in charge for two years, 1867 to 1869. Under his pastorate there was a gratifying gain in membership, and he left his charge with good prospects for the future. Mr. Allen was a graduate of Bowdoin College, class of 1835. He is a fine scholar, an interesting preacher, and is one of the leading men in the denomination. He was succeeded by Reverend James McMillan, who had charge of the parish for three years, 1869 to 1872. There was an extensive revival during his second year, resulting in large additions to the church.

Reverend H. C. Sheldon, a graduate of Yale College and a ripe scholar, succeeded Mr. McMillan, remaining here two years, 1872 to 1874. He is now a professor in the Boston University. He was succeeded, in 1874, by Reverend C. W. Morse, who was also pastor here from 1856 to 1859, and who has won the sincere respect, not only of the members of his parish, but of the citizens of the town generally.

Reverend W. S. Jones is the present pastor.

#### ST. PAUL'S PARISH.

The first Episcopalian service ever held in Brunswick was held in the college chapel in 1842. The Reverend J. Cook Richmond, on his way from Gardiner to Portland, was obliged to stop over night at Brunswick. Wishing to improve the opportunity to present the services of the church to the people of the town and the students of the college, he asked the consent of the Congregational minister to such a service, which he failed to receive. He then appealed to the president of the college (Doctor Woods), who said to him, "There is one place in this town over which I have control, and you can hold a service in the college chapel." Timely notice was given, and at half past seven in the evening a large congregation was gathered to hear (many of them for the first time) the evening service of the Prayer-Book. Mr. Richmond then preached and held the attention of his hearers for nearly two hours.

This was the first step towards introducing the services of the



church here, and doubtless suggested and encouraged the idea of the permanent establishment of a parish. The next service of the church was held in the Congregational vestry on School Street, by the Right Reverend J. E. K. Henshaw, Bishop of Rhode Island and Provisional Bishop of Maine, on his first visitation to this State, in October, 1843. He was accompanied by the Reverend Messrs. James Pratt of Portland, and Thomas F. Fales of Rhode Island, and after evening prayer "preached to a respectable and attentive audience." Mr. Fales afterwards returned as a missionary, and on the fifth of November, 1843, being Sunday, he began regular services in what was then known as the Pleasant Street Seminary, nearly opposite the present Methodist Church, but which has since been removed to Maine Street, and is now used for business purposes.

Mr. Fales thus became the first rector of this parish. He was educated for the ministry at the General Theological Seminary in New York City; was ordained deacon by Bishop Griswold in Rhode Island, July 22, 1840, and priest by the same bishop in 1841; and on the same day of the same month, July 21, he received the degree of B. A. from Bristol College, Pennsylvania, and M. A. from the University of New York.

Mr. Fales continued to hold meetings in the school-house from November, 1840, until the completion of the church in July, 1845. There was at first considerable opposition to the establishment of this church, but it soon passed away. This parish has from the first been a mission, supported mainly by the "General Board" and by the "Diocesan Board of Missions." Up to 1848 no contribution had been made by the parish towards the support of the rector, and then it only amounted to a small sum. At the time Mr. Fales's labors began, the number of Episcopalians was very small. There were only three communicants, Daniel R. Goodwin, Mary R. Goodwin, and Isabella McDougall.

The families of Professor Goodwin, of the college, and of Mr. Samuel Harris, of Topsham, were the only entire households which identified themselves with the church. Five or six of the students were Churchmen. The attendance on the services, however, increased, and on the eighth of January, 1844, a parish was duly organized according to the laws of the State. There were seven original members, namely, Professor D. R. Goodwin, Joseph Badger, Samuel Harris, George Earle, John O. B. Dunning, Ebenezer M. Johnson, and Samuel Dunning.

The first officers elected were, for wardens, D. R. Goodwin and

Joseph W. Sargent: for vestrymen, Abner B. Thompson, Joseph Badger, George Earle, Samuel Dunning, John O. B. Dunning, Ebenezer M. Johnson, and Samuel Harris.

It was then voted that the parish assume the name of *St. Paul's*, and that the Reverend T. F. Fales be invited to settle as rector of the church. The invitation was accepted on the twelfth day of February, 1844.

From the very organization of the parish, the Ladies' Society has been most faithful and most efficient in raising and supplying all that was needed. Nothing except the improvements made by Mr. Taylor has been done without them. In fact, if it had not been for the self-sacrificing labors of the ladies of the parish, it might never have lived for thirty years. In 1845 they furnished the church with the reading-desk and pulpit, altar and chairs. In 1848, chiefly through their exertions, an organ was procured and placed in the gallery. Previously stringed instruments were used.

The communion set used from the first till now was presented by Mrs. Griswold of the "Eastern Diocese," as it was called. The stone font was given in 1861 by a number of persons, chiefly graduates of Bowdoin College. The organ was removed from the gallery to the east transept in 1867, and was replaced by a new one in September, 1873.

There have been six rectors. The Reverend Thomas F. Fales, the first, remained here just six years. He has since been rector of Christ Church, Waltham, Mass.

The Reverend Andrew Crowell was here three years and five months. He now resides in Cambridge, Mass.

The Reverend Professor D. R. Goodwin supplied services for six months, when there was a vacancy for ten months with only occasional lay-reading.

The Reverend William Stone Chadwell was the third rector, and remained here three years and eight months. He is now rector of Grace Church, Brooklyn, Long Island, New York.

The Reverend Edward Ballard immediately succeeded him, and was rector of the parish for twelve years and seven months (See Biographical Sketch.)

After a vacancy of six months, during which time there were occasional services, Reverend Joseph Pemberton Taylor entered on the charge of the parish, and remained here two years and four months. He was immediately succeeded by Reverend Frederick S. Sill, M. A., and is now residing in Camden, New Jersey.

Reverend Mr. Sill was succeeded by Reverend H. P. Nichols, who was ordained to the priesthood, May 27, 1877.

In this parish, since its formation, one hundred and thirty individuals have been baptized, eighty-three confirmed, sixty-three buried, and thirty married. The present number of communicants is about twenty-nine; of individuals, about seventy-five.

#### ROMAN CATHOLICS.

The formation of a society of believers in the doctrines of the Church of Rome was begun in this town about 1860, or a short time previously. Services were at first performed by the priest stationed at Bath. The society, however, gradually increased in numbers, and in 1866 purchased their present church building on Federal Street, of the Methodist Society, and Father Powers was soon after sent to them. This society is now, numerically, by far the largest in town. About five sixths of the congregation are French Canadians. They number about eight hundred. The present priest, Father Noiseux, is a French Canadian.

#### STATISTICS OF CHURCH-GOERS, ETC, IN 1873.

In 1873, Mr. Charles Hill, agent of the Brunswick Bible Society, canvassed the town and collected statistics relative to the number of church-goers, etc. The following is a summary of his report, and shows the religious views of the citizens as well as such a canvass can, but it is not, probably, absolutely correct.

Number attending church (nominally)	3,056
“ not attending church	1,001
“ children attending Sabbath schools	794
“ children not attending Sabbath schools	122
“ Catholics (French, 477; Irish, 131; colored, 59)	667
“ Protestants	2,389
“ Congregationalists (Orthodox)	598
“ Free Baptists	574
“ Methodists	361
“ Baptists	306
“ Friends	159
“ Universalists	151
“ Adventists	82
“ Unitarians	61
“ Episcopalians	56
“ For Union of Churches	39
“ Spiritualists	2



## CHAPTER XIII.

## ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY OF TOPSHAM.

BUT little is known concerning the condition of religious matters in Topsham prior to the incorporation of the town. In the year 1721 the Reverend Isaac Taylor was employed by the proprietors to preach there one half the time. In 1730 there was a chaplain at the Fort in Brunswick, supported by the proprietors, who attended to the religious needs of the several neighboring communities, but who, most likely, preached only in Brunswick. There is little doubt that previous to the erection of the first meeting-house in Topsham, the inhabitants of that place were accustomed to attend religious services at Brunswick. In 1739 the inhabitants of Topsham contributed to the support of preaching in Brunswick, and it is probable that such had been the custom for some years previous.<sup>1</sup> The town was incorporated in 1764, and at this date, therefore, properly begins the history of the

## FIRST PARISH.

[1764.] At the second meeting of the town, held June 2, 1764, John Fulton, John Reed, and John Merrill (the selectmen) were chosen a committee "to get an orthodox minister to preach for the space of three months." They evidently employed Reverend Mr. Buzzell, for at a subsequent meeting he was employed for "four Sabbaths longer."

Whether he was unwilling to remain still longer, or whether he failed to give satisfaction, is not known. He could not have remained over the parish more than the four months for which he had been employed, or the town would not have chosen a committee "to get a minister by next spring to preach to us."

[1766.] On March 18, £60 was raised "for a minister and school-master" for this year. As the same individual was sometimes employed for both purposes, it is probable that such was the intent of that vote.

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

At a subsequent meeting the town decided very strongly in favor of the Presbyterian form of worship, and voted to extend a call to Reverend Stephen Scales. Goin Fulton, Adam Hunter, and Thomas Wilson were chosen a committee to make an agreement with him.

[1767.] In July, Reverend Mr. Thompson was engaged for two months after the expiration of his first contract.

In consideration of the agreement made at the time of the confirmation of their title by the government of Massachusetts, as well as in conformity to the laws, the proprietors about this time set apart a lot of land in Topsham "for the use of the Ministry" and one for "the first settled Minister." The ministerial or parsonage lot was "Number Twenty-six lying in the Range of Lotts fronting on Pejeps-cott River containing one hundred acres." The lot for the minister was "Number sixty four, containing One hundred acres, lying on the Rear of Lotts belonging to Alexander Potter and James Potter, Jr., bounding Northeast on Land of Robert M<sup>c</sup>Farlands and Southwest on the School Lott."

[1768.] In 1768 the town voted to give James Hunter a lot of land called the School-house Lot, in exchange for which he was to give the town one hundred acres where the meeting-house stood. Mr. Southmaid was employed to preach in the winter "as a probationer."

[1770.] At the annual meeting this year a Mr. Stuart was engaged to preach until the first of the following November, and it was voted to assess one fourth part of the minister's salary on the holders of pews.

[1771.] The first church organization, as distinct from that of the parish, was organized in 1771. It was of the Presbyterian order, and was organized by Reverend Mr. Murray, a Presbyterian minister of Boothbay, and by Reverend Joseph Prince. It consisted of twenty-seven members.<sup>1</sup> Who these members were is not now known, but it is not improbable that two of the early members of the Congregational Church, Messrs. Alexander Patten and James Fulton, were among the number. This church was at no time very strong, and ceased to exist about the year 1789. No records of its meetings can be found.

Committees were appointed in the years 1771 and 1772 to obtain the services of a minister, so that it is probable that there was preaching a part of this time.

[1773.] Reverend Samuel Wheeler probably officiated for a while this year, as the town voted, November 29, "to send a man west-

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<sup>1</sup> *Greenleaf's Ecclesiastical Sketches.*

ward to bring Mr. Samuel Wheeler's character, provided Mr. Samuel Wheeler will pay the charges"; and John Merrill, consenting to go upon these terms, was duly chosen for that purpose.

[1774.] Mr. Merrill's report as to Mr. Wheeler's character must have been satisfactory, as he this year received a call at a salary of £66 13s. 4d., lawful money, and with £100 as a "settlement." The town this year reversed its former action, and decided to adhere to the Congregational form of worship. This action of the town gave serious offence to the minority. Messrs. Adam Hunter, Goin Fulton, James Henry, John Orr, John Fulton, James Fulton, and Alexander Potter entered their protest against the meeting as being illegal and *destructive to the church*. These persons were evidently strong in the Presbyterian faith, and probably some, if not all of them were members of the First Church. There is no evidence that Mr. Wheeler was ever formally installed over the church and society of the First Parish, and his pastorate could not have been a very satisfactory one, as the next year [1775] a committee was appointed to obtain a minister, and also one "to converse with Mr. Samuel Wheeler concerning the abatement of his wages and to make return."

[1776.] In December of the next year the town also voted not to pay his board nor his horse keeping. From this time to 1783, there is no record of any settled minister in the town, although there is no doubt but that there were religious services held for a few Sundays in each year, since the town in some at least of these years chose a committee to obtain a minister. In 1778, however, the committee were instructed not to agree with one for more than a service of two months without the consent of the town.

[1783.] At a meeting of the town held May 27, 1783, the committee to obtain a minister were instructed to employ the Reverend Mr. Urquhart to preach eight Sabbaths after the Sabbath next ensuing, and to use their own discretion as to the terms. At a later meeting of this year, held September 10, it was voted to employ Mr. Urquhart "one Sabbath when he returns from the westward." At this meeting there was also a committee appointed to see why the porch to the meeting-house, which the town voted in 1770 to have built, was not finished. The citizens of the town can easily be excused for getting a little impatient, after having waited thirteen years for the construction of this porch. At a meeting held two months later, Mr. Urquhart was employed for one year at a salary of £80, he to have the privilege of leaving if he had a call to settle elsewhere.

[1784.] At a meeting held in October, 1784, the town voted to



hire Reverend Mr. Urquhart for one year more after the expiration of his first year. To this action of the town, Messrs. John Merrill, Jonathan Whitney, Actor Patten, Peletiah Haley, Alexander Gray, and William Reed declared their disapproval "for several reasons, but more particularly because we have reason to believe that the said Urquhart has two wives now living, and we think that disqualifies him to administer any of the Gospel ordinances."

This charge was sustained by the facts,<sup>1</sup> and it is not probable that Urquhart preached in Topsham after the expiration of his second year, if indeed he was allowed to complete his engagement.

In regard to Urquhart as a preacher, it has been said that "his mode of preaching was marked for its humor and quaintness, and he would arouse his drowsy listeners on a summer afternoon by some stirring anecdote or exclamation. On one occasion he stopped suddenly in his sermon and then exclaimed, 'I'm your shepurd o'er all o' ye, and Wully Wilson is me graut bull-dog.' The deacon, either not relishing this publicity, or to signalize that he *was not asleep*, sturdily called out yet louder still, 'I'm *not* your bull-dog! What did you say that for?'"<sup>2</sup>

[1786.] In 1786 the town voted to give Mr. Kellogg an invitation "to return and preach with us after he has been to study divinity six months, provided he will settle with us if desired."

[1788.] This year Reverend Jonathan Ellis was invited to settle in town at a salary of £85 and a "settlement" of £150. The "settlement to be paid in boards, shingles and other Lumber, or any produce of the country." Mr. Ellis did not accept this call, but [1789] the next year, at a meeting held June 9, the town agreed to settle him on condition that he would take his dismissal if two thirds of the legal voters of the town should, at any future time, prefer not to remain under his ministry and should so declare at a legal town meeting, and that, in case such a thing should occur, he should be allowed to continue six months thereafter and no longer. Mr. Ellis was present at the meeting and agreed to these conditions.

On August 31 of this year there were two legal meetings of the town. The first was called by warrant of John Merrill, a justice of the peace, upon the application of more than ten voters, the principal object being to see if the town would consent that those not willing to settle under the ministry of Mr. Ellis should be allowed to withdraw from his support and maintain a minister for themselves. The second

<sup>1</sup> See *Annals of Warren*, p. 172 et seq.

<sup>2</sup> Dr. James McKeen's Notes.

meeting was on the usual warrant issued by the selectmen, and was for the purpose of taking action in regard to Mr. Ellis's ordination. At the first meeting thirty-five persons voted to withdraw from being under Mr. Ellis's ministry, and sixty-seven voted to be under his ministry. At this meeting the town also voted that one-fourth part of the expense of repairing the meeting-house should be assessed on the pew-holders, and the remainder paid by the town. At the second meeting the town voted that the council which was to be at the ordination of Mr. Ellis should meet and sit at Mr. Joseph Foster's house, and that they and their attendants should be entertained at Captain David Reed's and James Fulton's houses. It also voted that Doctor Philip Hoyt, James Wilson, and Joseph Haley, *clothier*, should be a committee to attend upon the council on the day of ordination.

The ordination of Mr. Ellis occurred September 16, 1789. The sermon on the occasion was preached by Reverend Andrew Lee, of Lisbon, Connecticut. The charge was by the Reverend Jolin Ellis, of Rehoboth, Massachusetts. The right hand of fellowship by the Reverend Josiah Winship, of Woolwich, Maine. The sermon was printed, but no copy of it can now be found. The following is the title-page, which has been preserved: —

“ The Duty of Gospel Ministers | Illustrated in a Discourse preached  
| at the ordination of the Rev. Jonathan Ellis | to the pastoral  
office in the church | at Topsham, Massachusetts, Sept. | 16th 1789.  
By Andrew Lee A. M., | Pastor of a church at Lisbon, | Conn; | Keep  
thyself pure — St. Paul. | Portland — Printed by Thomas | Baker  
Wait. MDCCXC.”

The Congregationalist Church held its first meeting in June, 1789, at which a day of fasting was appointed, and it was voted to send for a council. This council met June 26, 1789, for the ordination of Reverend Jonathan Ellis, and voted “ that the members of the church at Topsham be considered as a regular church of Christ, on the Congregational form of worship and discipline.”

On October 23 of the same year the church adopted a covenant.

On June 27, 1790, the first sacrament since the organization was administered. It was administered in the Presbyterian manner, the communicants sitting\* around the table. Eleven members were present, beside five from the church in Brunswick.

[1791.] The only thing noticeable in any of the records this year is the fact that the town appointed a committee of three “ to keep the dogs out of the meeting-house.”

[1793.] This year the following names of members appear upon the church records:—

Captain John Patten (deacon),	Mrs. Mary Fulton,
Captain James Mustard,	Mrs. Esther Haley,
Alexander Patten,	Mrs. Hannah Henry,
James Fulton,	Mrs. Anna Winchell,
John Small,	Mrs. Mary Ellis,
Joseph Haley,	Mrs. Nancy Stockman,
——— Whitum,	Mrs. —— Perry,
William Randall,	Mrs. Jane Randall,
Doctor Philip Hoyt,	Mrs. Rachel Reed,
Reverend Jonathan Ellis,	Widow Jameson,
Mrs. Mary Patten,	Widow Sarah Cobb.

[1794.] At a meeting of the town, held May 20, 1794, it was voted not to oppose the petition of John Merrill, Esquire, and others, praying the General Court for an Act of Incorporation as a Baptist society, *provided* they would withdraw their suit at law, of Job Macomber *vs.* The Town of Topsham, in which case the town agreed that the execution against Abraham Cummings<sup>1</sup> should not be put in force, and that all future taxes for the minister's salary, of members of the Baptist society, might be drawn by them from the treasurer or the constable, they producing a certificate that they had paid an equal sum for the Baptist society, *provided* they obtained an Act of Incorporation within one year. An attempt was made this year to obtain a two-thirds vote to dismiss Reverend Mr. Ellis, but failed. After this date the First Parish held meetings distinct from those of the town, and the latter, therefore, has only occasionally since then taken any action in regard to religious matters.

[1795.] The incorporation of the Baptist Society which had just occurred had the unfortunate and rather singular effect of depriving the First Parish of all its officers. It is certainly rather remarkable that all these officers should have affiliated with the Baptists. That such was the actual fact, however, is shown by a petition to John Merrill, Esquire, justice of the peace, requesting him to call a meeting of the freeholders of the First Parish. This petition expressly sets forth the fact that the First Parish had no officers and "were consequently incapable of conducting and managing its affairs." This petition was dated April 20th, and on April 30th the first meeting of the parish, after the separation, was held at the meeting-house.

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<sup>1</sup> Probably for non-payment of minister's tax.



A new board of parish officers was chosen, money raised for support of the minister. and Richard Knowles elected sexton, "with allowance of twelve shillings." At a subsequent meeting this year a committee was chosen to wait upon Mr. Ellis and to concert measures for rendering the ministerial lot of some benefit to the minister and parish.

[1797.] In 1796 and 1797 considerable repairs were made to the meeting-house. In May of the latter year a committee was chosen "to wait on the Reverend Jonathan Ellis for the purpose of obtaining information how his proposals may in the best way be answered, and report to the Parish." What proposals the pastor had made is not known, but on the twenty-sixth of June following, the parish decided not to increase his salary "at the present time, on account of the depreciation of money."

[1799.] At a meeting of the parish, held September 9, Captain Alexander Rogers, James Fulton, and Arthur Hunter were chosen to settle with Mr. Ellis and to pay him the arrearages due to him. They were also authorized to grant him a discharge from the parish if he desired, and to supply the pulpit for a while.

[1800.] At the annual meeting of the parish this year, the sum of three hundred dollars was raised for current expenses. This sum was between thirty and forty dollars less than had usually been raised for the minister's salary alone. At the annual meeting of the town, Messrs. John Merrill, William Wilson, James Purinton, Doctor Porter, and Alexander Thompson were chosen a committee to consider the practicability of uniting the two societies. The desire for such union probably arose in consequence of the difficulty experienced, at that time, in furnishing adequate support to two ministers.

[1801.] The committee for supplying the pulpit were instructed by the parish "to write to the Professor of Divinity at Harvard College requesting him to recommend a candidate to them of ability and good moral character," and were also instructed to employ no transient preacher until it was positively ascertained that no suitable candidate could be sent. The parish also voted "not to employ Mr. Thompson any longer to supply the Desk." It would appear from this action that Mr. Ellis had received his discharge from the committee appointed in 1799 to settle with him.

[1802.] The Reverend Mr. Western was employed as a preacher until October, 1802. At a meeting of the parish in June, Benjamin Hasey, Esquire, Doctor Porter, and Ezra Smith were chosen a committee to petition the legislature "for permission to sell the Parsonage

Lot, or take measures to render the same profitable to the Parish, agreeable to the original intentions of the Grantors ”

[1803.] On April 23 of this year, the parish passed a vote inviting Mr. Ellis to preach for one year at a salary of two hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, he to have “ the privilege of keeping school such part of said year as he shall choose.”

[1805.] An effort was this year made to unite with the Second Parish in obtaining a minister to preach alternately in the two parishes.

[1806.] At a town-meeting, held November 3, 1806, it was voted “ that the town having heard and duly considered the proposal of the Honorable Benjamin J. Porter and others, to build a meeting-house near the Court House, do unitedly approve of the same and do earnestly recommend it to the members of both parishes of the town to become united as soon as may be into one corporate body for the purpose of supporting public worship in said town when [it shall be] erected.

“ And it is further voted that the town, with a view to promote an union of the parishes, for the support of public worship, agreeably to the proposal of said Porter and others, will appoint a committee of seven persons with full power to pursue any measures necessary and proper on the part of the town to promote the building of said house and to support public worship therein.”

In December the parish voted to hold their business meetings and religious services in the Court House until a new meeting-house should be built, but the vote was subsequently changed so as to have the meetings for public worship held one half the time at the Court House and the remainder of the time either at the old meeting-house or at the school-house near it.

[1810.] At the annual meeting this year the parish voted “ that the treasurer be directed to renew or exchange the securities or collect, if necessary, the money that is now at interest, belonging to the parish, and also to receive the interest annually or take notes for the same.” It is evident from this that the parish had something of a fund at this time, but from what source it was derived is not so easy to understand. The amount of money raised each year was seldom more than enough to pay current expenses and often not sufficient for that purpose, and the ministerial lot was not sold, notwithstanding the vote in 1802, until 1819.

At this same meeting Benjamin Orr, Esquire, was appointed to obtain from the committee chosen in 1799 a certificate of the discharge of Reverend Mr. Ellis, and to deposit the same with the

parish clerk. This document, which was the only legal annulment of the contract between the pastor and parish, was dated May 7, 1810.

Owing to the separation which had occurred in the parish, and to other causes, the church had gradually dwindled away, and after the dismissal of their pastor it became nearly extinct. During the period of Mr. Ellis's ministry it was Congregational in name, but not what would now be called strictly Orthodox, since it paid more attention to the form of church polity than it did to uniformity of belief. Reverend Ezra S. Goodwin had been preaching this year, and on October 12. the parish expressed to him their approbation of his past services and requested him to continue with them awhile longer.

[1811.] An attempt was made this year, unsuccessfully, to have the minister over the First Parish supply the pulpit of the Second Parish also. The thanks of the parish were again given to Mr. Goodwin for his services, and the regret expressed that the financial situation did not admit of their employing him longer.

[1814.] Nothing further of special importance occurs in the parish records until the year 1814, when an attempt was again made to unite the two parishes. The committee on the part of the First Parish chosen to confer with the other parish were instructed that "if an union of said parishes could not be obtained on any other principle, that the meetings for public worship be holden two thirds of the time at the Court House and the other third at the upper meeting-house."

[1815.] In 1815, Messrs. Benjamin Orr, Alexander Rogers, and Jehiel Abell were appointed a committee to petition the legislature, in behalf of the parish, "for leave to sell the parsonage lot in Topsham, under such restrictions and limitations as they shall think proper."

[1818.] The meeting-house, about this time, must have been getting sadly in need of repair, since, in April, 1818, the parish committee were instructed to repair it, "by building doors, glazing the windows, and underpinning the house so as to secure it from falling."

[1819.] On May 10, 1819, the committee appointed in 1815 to sell the ministerial lands, reported that "they have sold the whole of said lands at auction to the highest bidders on the 22d day of April 1819, as follows, to wit. To Samuel Hunter twelve acres and 80 rods for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars: To Arthur Hunter thirty-eight acres and seventy rods for the sum of two hundred and thirty dollars and 62½ cents; To Thomas Patten twenty-four acres and ten rods for two hundred and sixteen dollars and fifty-six cents; To George Rogers twentyfive acres for two hundred dollars.



All and singular of which sums to be paid, with interest, in four years from the time of sale, one quarter part of the principal of each sum to be paid annually, and interest semi-annually on the whole amount of sales Amounting in the whole to the sum of \$772.18

“(Signed)

“ACTOR PATTEN,  
HUMPHREY PURINTON,  
THOS. G. SANDFORD.”

[1821.] In the year 1821, a committee was chosen to ascertain and report, at an adjourned meeting, who were members of the First Parish. The parish this year, moreover, agreed to accept the *new* meeting-house on the terms offered by the proprietors of the same, which were as follows: “That the proprietors of the meeting-house present the same to the First Parish, reserving the right to the proprietors of selling all their right thereto and receiving the proceeds; and whether the same is sold or unsold, it shall not be liable in any manner whatever to be taxed by the First Parish; and it is understood by the foregoing reservation that the parish shall never assess any moneys that it may hereafter raise either wholly or in part upon the pews or seats of any individual proprietors therein; and the proprietors further present the parish with one of the front pews on the lower floor, numbered thirty-one, and the two pews in the gallery behind the singing seats, and the overplus of moneys arising from the sale of pews in said house, after paying the bills of said house, shall be annexed to the funds of the First Parish.

“That in future the meetings for publick worship be holden one third of the time at the old meeting-house, and two thirds of the time at the new meeting-house, for six months in the year, commencing the first Sabbath in May; the remainder of the year at the new meeting-house.”

At a subsequent meeting, a number of persons who had previously joined the Second Parish were accepted as members of the First Parish. At the same meeting an agent was chosen to obtain a deed of the meeting-house from the proprietors, and to give deeds of pews to the owners thereof.

On August 26, 1821, the church was reorganized. The following persons constituted its membership at this time: —

William Randall, John Harmon, Deacon Samuel Winslow, Mrs. Jane Randall, Mrs. Margaret Patten, Mrs. Mary Ellis, Mrs. Hannah Patten, Mrs. Martha Rogers, Mrs. Betsey Perkins, Miss Hannah Patten, Widow Mary Foy, Widow Mary Patten, and Widow Rachel Reed.

[1823.] This year an attempt was made to settle Reverend Mr. Danforth, at first for five years and then for one year. There was a good deal of difficulty in raising the necessary amount of money by subscription, and it is evident that he was not engaged, as at a meeting held on the twenty-second of November, the parish committee were instructed to employ a preacher, and to pay him out of the money already raised.

[1824.] The parish this year invited Reverend Jacob C. Goss to settle as their pastor. "until six months' notice on either side shall be given for a discontinuance of his services." The salary offered was five hundred dollars. To this invitation Mr. Goss made an answer containing the following proposals, which were accepted by the parish:—

"*First.* Provided that I may have liberty to be absent four weeks each year, and during this time shall not be under obligation to supply the desk.

"*Second.* Provided either party may have liberty to dissolve this connection, giving to the other one year previous to such dissolution.

"*Third.* Should the salary which you offer me be found on trial insufficient to meet my expenses, I shall expect it will be increased."

Thomas G. Sandford, Actor Patten, Colonel Samuel Veazie, Charles R. Porter, Doctor James McKeen, and Major Nahum Perkins were chosen on behalf of the parish, and Samuel Winslow on behalf of the church, to make the arrangements for the ordination.

On December 7 the council for ordination met at the house of Nathaniel Green. There were present, Reverend Hezekiah Packard and David Owen, Wiscasset; Reverend Eliphalet Gillett and Samuel P. Ingraham, Hallowell; Reverend William Mittimore and Jonathan Moody, Falmouth; Reverend John W. Elingwood, David Stinson, and Gillett Trufant, Bath; Reverend Enos Merrill and Nathan Scales, Freeport; Reverend Asa Cummings and Cushing Prince, Brunswick; Reverend Seneca White, Levi Houghton, and Daniel Marston, 2d, Bath; Reverend Caleb Hobart and Jacob Hayes, North Yarmouth; Reverend Benjamin Tappan and John Eveleth, Augusta, and William Allen, D. D., president of Bowdoin College.

Reverend Doctor Allen was chosen moderator, and Benjamin Tappan, scribe.

The ordination took place December 8, 1824. The introductory prayer was made by Reverend Mr. Mittimore; the sermon was by President Allen, from Isaiah lii, 7, "*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings*"; the consecrating

prayer was by Reverend Doctor Gillett; the charge to the pastor, by Reverend Doctor Packard, of Wiscasset; the right hand of fellowship, by Reverend Mr. Mead; address to the church and society, by Reverend Mr. Tappan; and the concluding prayer, by Reverend Mr. Ellingwood.

[1825.] At a church meeting held January 20, it was decided "that the ordinance of the sacrament should be administered the first Sabbath in every other month, and that a regular church meeting should be held every Thursday previous to communion."

[1826.] This year the parish voted that the notice of its meetings "be in future posted on the meeting-house door and in the publication-box<sup>1</sup> to said meeting-house."

On May 11 of this year Samuel Winslow was chosen as deacon, — the first one since the reorganization of the church. On August 10, one of the members was charged with a "too frequent use of spirituous liquors," and was suspended from fellowship and afterwards was excommunicated.

[1829.] In April, 1829, Mr. Goss sent in his request for a dismissal, on the ground of dissatisfaction with his present condition and prospects. A committee was appointed by the parish to confer with him and to make to him a full disclosure of the condition of the parish, and to inform him, if they found it expedient, that the parish felt unable to support him after the expiration of the year. At a subsequent meeting the assessors were instructed to devise measures for paying the arrearages due him. Notwithstanding his resignation, Mr. Goss seems to have remained for some time longer, for at a meeting held early the next year [1830] another committee was appointed to inform him "of the embarrassed situation of the parish on the subject of dissolving his connection with said parish"; and on July 16, a committee was chosen "to invite him to dissolve the connection between him and the parish and discontinue his services as early as may be convenient to him and prior to the first of December next, and that the connection be now accordingly dissolved." A week later Mr. Goss sent a letter to the parish in which he consented to the annulment of their contract, provided all arrearages were paid and his salary paid up to the date of the termination of his services, otherwise his resignation was to be null and void. Upon the receipt of this communication, the parish voted to use so much of the interest of

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<sup>1</sup> A box with a glass door, in which the town clerk posted the names of those intending marriage.



the parish fund as might be found necessary to pay what was due. This terminated the civil contract between the parish and pastor, but the pastoral connection of the church with Mr. Goss was not severed by act of council until June 10, 1835. Mr. Goss commenced his labors under very favorable auspices, and so far as can be determined from the records there was no dissatisfaction with him, and his dismissal was owing solely to the feeble condition of the parish at this time.

[1836.] At the annual meeting of the parish in 1836, a committee was appointed to examine the records of the parish, and ascertain who were members of it and report a list of the same. This report, on account of the information it contains in regard to parishes in general, is herewith given in full:—

“The committee appointed at a meeting of the First Parish in Topsham, held on the twelfth instant, to ascertain who are the legal members thereof, respectfully report that they have examined the statutes and reported cases in point, and have unanimously come to the conclusion that all inhabitants of twenty-one years of age and upwards, within the bounds of said parish, and who have not withdrawn therefrom by leaving a written notice thereof with the parish clerk, are members of said parish, with the exception of such persons only as are legal members of some poll parish. That all inhabitants coming to reside within the limits of the said First Parish and who are not members of a poll parish, with all such as reside therein and withdrawn from the poll parish to which they were connected by leaving a written note thereof with the clerk of said parish, do on their claiming and exercising their rights of membership thereby become members of said First Parish.

“To visit each individual within the limits of said First Parish, and to ascertain from them personally whether they belong to the parish or not, would require more time than your committee could conveniently bestow on the subject. They therefore have examined the records of the poll parish, within the bounds of the First Parish, and from which it appears the following named persons<sup>1</sup> are members of the *Second Parish* of this town. . . . Your committee further report that they are divided in opinion, in regard to the point whether the members of a poll-parishioner's family, at arriving at twenty-one years of age, do thereby, without first withdrawing from the poll parish,

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<sup>1</sup> These names appear in the account of the Baptist Society, and are therefore omitted here.

become members of the territorial parish within the bounds of which the poll is situated. A majority of your committee, Messrs. Perkins, Tibbets, and Ellis, are of opinion that they do. The other members of your committee are of a different opinion. The case has been submitted to two of our most able counsellors, who differ in opinion on the subject. Your committee, therefore, to avoid all uncertainty, recommend to persons so situated to withdraw from the poll parish, in case they are desirous of connecting themselves with the territorial, or from the territorial if they prefer continuing with the poll. They would further recommend, in case the parish should resort to taxes, that such persons so situated, and arriving at the age of twenty-one, should not be taxed or considered as members of said parish until they claim and exercise their rights of membership.

“NAHUM PERKINS,  
*per order of Committee.*”

The ministerial fund of the First Parish amounted at this time to seven hundred and thirty-sixty dollars and sixty-one cents. No parish meetings were held later than this, and the majority of the pew-holders became members of the Unitarian Society. The continuation of the history of the First Parish Church organization will be given further on, under the title of the “Congregational Church.” The latter is the direct lineal descendant of the old First Parish Church, though, for reasons given elsewhere, the members of it no longer belonged to the First Parish, but formed a new poll parish.

#### THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY, OR SECOND AND THIRD PARISHES.

The first Baptist preaching in Topsham was by Elder Simon Locke, it is believed, in 1779. On the fifth of June of that year he baptized Miss R. Purington, who was the first one in town to receive the ordinance by immersion.

After 1782, Reverend Mr. Potter preached occasionally for several years, but without making many converts. During the years 1783 and 1784, Elders Case and Macomber preached occasionally.<sup>1</sup>

Reverend Job Macomber also preached here in 1789, 1790, and 1791. These ministers were paid for their services by the voluntary contribution of individuals, as appears from a receipt given by Macomber to Actor Patten, Joseph and Pelatiah Haley, and John Merrill.

The General Court of Massachusetts, by an Act passed in June,

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<sup>1</sup> *From Millet.*

1794, incorporated John Merrill, Esquire, Stephen Douty, Actor Patten, Hugh Wilson, Robert Cleaves, Jr., James Purington, Jr., Ebenezer Farrin, William Bragdon, John Starboard, Jr., John Hewey, John Duggan, Joseph Jack, Elnathan Hinkley, Alexander Thompson, Elijah White, Benjamin Woodard, Moses Hodgkins, John Sandford, John Ware, William Hunter, Samuel Wilson, Calvin Wade, Thomas Smith, John Starboard, Luther Hall, Thomas Rideout, John Reed, William Malcom, Robert Cleaves, John Wilson, Joseph Haley, Humphrey Thompson, Willard Sears, Moses Owen, William Collamore, Nathan Wyman, Hezekiah Wyman, William Wyman, and James Purington into a society by the name of the "Baptist Religious Society in Topsham."<sup>1</sup>

The first meeting of this society was held at the house of Actor Patten on February 9, 1795. This society constituted the Second Parish of the town. At this meeting James Purington was chosen moderator, and John Merrill parish clerk. It was voted to build a meeting-house "forty feet long and thirty feet wide, this season, and that it be set between Joseph Haley's house and Benjamin Eaton's." It was to be owned by each proprietor in proportion to the amount subscribed.

This meeting-house, subsequently known as the "old yellow meeting-house," was built principally by Joseph Haley, Captain Actor Patten, 1st, John Merrill, Esquire, Captain Pelatiah Haley, and James Purington, the tanner.

April 17, 1797, the parish voted to give Elder Elihu Purington, of Bowdoinham, an invitation to preach for them one half the time. This invitation was accepted.

In the year 1800, Reverend Mr. Williams preached in the meeting-house of the Second Parish.<sup>2</sup>

The following is the list of members subsequent to the incorporation of the parish, down to April 7, 1808: 1796, James Sampson, Obed Burnham; 1797, Andrew Whitehouse, Joshua Whitten, Joseph Whitten, John Whitten, Stephen Pennell, William Wilson, Jr.; 1798, Nathaniel Melcher, Benjamin Eaton, Charles Gowell, Joseph Graves, Joshua Graves, Samuel Graves, Moses Plummer, Gideon Walker; 1799, Francis Douglass, Benjamin Metcalf; 1800, James Potter; 1803, John Rogers, John Hern, David Work, Jeremiah Staples, Winslow Staples, Moses Graves, Joseph Berry, James Staples, Thomas

<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Special Laws*, Vol. 1, p. 537.

<sup>2</sup> *Diary of Reverend Jonathan Ellis*.



Hunter, Arthur Hunter, Robert Alexander, William Malcom, Jr., John Given, William Reed, Thomas Reed, Robert Reed, David Reed, William Reed Hunter, Timothy Hern, Joseph Quint, Josiah Staples, John Graves, Jr., Jacob Graves, Samuel Staples, Ebenezer Work, William Given, Jacob Stockman, Daniel Gray, Caleb Curtis, Lemuel Thompson; 1808, Daniel Holden, Nathaniel Green, Jotham Chick, Stephen Harris, James Cook, Samuel Towns, Jonathan Blaisdell, Moses Weymouth, David Foster, Timothy Foster, Gideon Larrabee, Aaron Thompson, John Rogers, Jr., Joshua Haines, Isaac Johnson, Samuel Perkins, Joseph M. Perry, Robert Sager, Nathaniel Quint, James Thompson, John Jameson, Francis Card, James G. Goold, William Frost, Nahum Houghton, Joseph Haley, Jr., David Flagg, Jesse T. Haley, and Peter H. Green.

[1808.] On April 28, 1808, the parish voted to raise four hundred dollars for the support of the ministry, but the vote was reconsidered in June, and two hundred and fifty dollars was then voted. From this time until about 1833, the amount annually raised for the supply of the pulpit and all other expenses was, ordinarily, only one hundred dollars.

[1815.] In September of this year three males and five females belonging to this society were organized into a church at Oak Hill, under the title of "The Predestinarian Baptist Church of Topsham." It is probable that Mr. Elihu Purington was then ordained as an elder,<sup>1</sup> since the records of the church state that at this time Elder Kendall preached the introductory sermon, Elder Titcomb gave the *right hand of fellowship*, and Elder Temple made the concluding prayer.

[1818.] On June 4, 1818, Mr. Winslow Staples was ordained by council; Elder Stearns preached the sermon, Elder Persons offered a prayer, Elder Temple gave the right hand of fellowship, Elder Stinson gave the charge, and Elder Frost made the concluding prayer. The church at this time numbered over fifty members.<sup>2</sup>

At a meeting held April 18, of this year, the parish voted that a committee which had been chosen to settle the accounts of the parish should be authorized "to move the meeting" to any part of the town if they judged it expedient. Accordingly, the meetings were held this year in two places, — in the "old yellow meeting-house" and in a school-house.<sup>3</sup>

[1819.] In April, 1819, the frame of a new meeting-house was

<sup>1</sup> Adam Wilson's *Historical Discourse*, p. 10.

<sup>2</sup> Millett.

<sup>3</sup> *Autobiography of Elder Kendall*.

raised, and in November the building was completed. It was small, containing only thirty pews.<sup>1</sup> This building was the one, opposite the village graveyard, which was afterward used as a town-house.

This year "one half of the male and several female members of the church were expelled for intemperance, until only eight were left."<sup>2</sup>

[1820.] Elder Staples's pastorate could not have been a very successful one, as in February 26, 1820, the church and parish, in joint session, passed a vote of censure against him. At a parish meeting, held April 15 of this year, a committee was appointed to confer with Elder Henry Kendall as to the terms on which he would consent to become their settled minister.

At a meeting held April 29, 1820, it was voted to accept Elder Henry Kendall's proposals, and to consider him as their settled minister, agreeably to the conditions specified by him. These conditions were as follows:—

"1. It will not be expected by me that the society bind itself to pay me any specified sum for my services as their minister, nor would it be pleasing to me on my settlement that any obligatory grant should be made to me, but that the whole subject should be left with the society to give me annually much or little as they may consider duty or proper.

"2. That a committee, to be composed of members of the church and society, be annually raised, whose duty it shall be to confer with me on the subject of my situation and the number of Sabbaths I ought to serve the society for the sum they may by grant or subscription annually raise, and report as soon as may be the result of this conference to me and the assessors of the society.

"3. That whenever I shall think it duty to request a dissolution of my ministerial connection with this society, and shall officially make known my desire, the society shall, without any unnecessary delay, attend to the subject, and if they are not disposed to grant my request they shall join me in choosing a council of the elders and churches of our order, to hear and determine the subject of the request, whose decision shall be binding on the parties.

"4. That whenever a majority in parish meeting, legally called for that purpose, shall by vote declare that my ministerial labours is no longer useful, and vote my dismission, then my ministerial connection shall be considered dissolved."

Up to this time the Second Parish contained both Calvinist and

<sup>1</sup> *Autobiography of Elder Kendall.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

Free-Will Baptists, but a separation now occurred, and in 1821 Joshua and John Whitten were dismissed to the Free-Will Baptist Society.

[1824.] At a meeting held April 17, 1824, the parish voted "to dismiss Elder Henry Kendall from being any longer their settled minister, — agreeable to his request." The church records contain a statement to the effect that the dismissal of Elder Kendall gave rise to some dissatisfaction.

Nothing of importance occurs in the records of the Second Parish subsequent to this date, though the records do not close until the year 1832. As the Baptists withdrew that year, and formed a new society, it would seem as though the Second Parish must thereafter have been composed exclusively of Free-Will Baptists or else that there were two religious societies in one poll parish.

#### THE BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIETY.

On January 19, 1824, Henry Kendall, Jabez Perkins, James Cook, Richard Orr, Samuel Wilson, James Wilson, Elijah White, George Howland, and Daniel Welch petitioned the legislature for incorporation as a religious society. The petition was granted, and on February 2, 1824, the society met and elected Henry Kendall, moderator, and James Cook, clerk. Jabez Perkins was chosen collector, and Deacon Elijah White and Mr. James Cook as parish committee. The members of this society constituted the third parish of the town.

Joseph Foster, Jr., Daniel Welch, Leonard Blondell, Jabez Perkins, David Scribner, James Cole, John Owen, Charles White, Joshua Haskell, Aaron Hinkley, Charles Hunter, Edward Welch, David Dunlap, William Randall, Jr., Jonathan Baker, James Rogers, Benjamin Hasey, John Hunter, 2d, Benjamin Thompson, Francis Tucker, George Rogers, William Work, and John Mustard joined the society about this time, though a number of them afterwards went back to the First Parish. The members at their first meeting voted to call themselves by the name of "The Baptist Church Society." They built this year a small meeting-house in the village, at a cost of about six hundred dollars.

[1825.] This year there was a powerful revival in the church, though but little mention is made of it in the records.

[1826.] At a meeting held on April 3, the society voted that as less money than was needed had heretofore been raised, "if the society should not be able to raise by voluntary subscription at least one hundred dollars for Elder Kendall the present year, that they will



not require his ministerial labors beyond a proportion of the time for the sum they shall raise and pay over to him."

[1834.] At a church meeting, held February 22, the subject of building a new meeting-house was discussed, and it was thereupon voted "that Jabez Perkins, David Scribner, Samuel Perkins, Josiah Sanford, and L. Hibbard be a committee to solicit means to carry the same into effect." On October 4, of this year, Samuel Perkins and David Scribner were chosen deacons.

At a meeting of the society, held April 7, it was decided to accept a lot of land for a meeting-house, that had been purchased of Pelatiah and Nancy Haley. Jabez Perkins and David Scribner were chosen a committee to raise subscriptions for and to build a new meeting-house.

[1835.] On April 6, 1835, this committee reported that they had contracted with S. & R. D. Melcher for the erection of a meeting-house. That the whole expense would be \$2,250, and that the building would probably be completed in about six weeks. At this meeting Jabez Perkins, Samuel Perkins, and James Cook were appointed a committee to sell the pews, but were instructed to reserve one pew next the desk, on each side, and two floor pews near the stove, for *free* pews. The society also authorized their agent to sell the old meeting-house if the consent of the pew-owners could be had. It was bought by Deacon Joshua Haskell for the Free-Will Baptist Society. At a meeting of the church, held March 21, Elder Charles Johnson was invited to settle on a salary of three hundred dollars per annum. The next meeting of the society was held May 27 in the new or present Baptist meeting house. At this meeting, Elder Johnson was ordained and the new church building was dedicated. The year was remarkable for a revival in this and the other societies.

[1837.] On February 25, 1837, the church extended a call to Reverend Edwin R. Warren, and the amount of salary to be offered him was left to the discretion of the church officers.

[1838.] During the year 1838 a controversy commenced between the committee of management of the "*Eastern Baptist*" and Mr. E. Brown. It continued several years and caused considerable trouble in this church.

[1840.] At a meeting of the church held October 25, forty-four members were dismissed from this church, in order to be organized into a Baptist church in Brunswick village. There was a great revival this year. Meetings were held for more than one hundred successive evenings, and one hundred and fifty-two persons were added to the church by baptism.

[1841.] On July 25, Elder Warren resigned the pastorate, and Reverend George Knox was invited, November 1, to succeed him on a salary of four hundred dollars. On December 14, forty-nine delegates, representing eighteen churches, met in council for the purpose of his ordination. The services were as follows : —

An anthem ; reading of Scriptures, by Elder P. S. Adams ; a hymn ; a prayer, by Elder F. Merriam ; a sermon, by Elder Z. Bradford ; an anthem ; an ordaining prayer, by Elder Z. Adlam ; the charge, by Elder Adam Wilson ; a hymn ; the right hand of fellowship, by Elder E. H. Gray ; an address to the church, by Elder H. G. Gott ; an anthem ; a closing prayer, by Elder E. R. Warren ; and the benediction, by the pastor.

[1846.] On May 25, 1845, Elder Knox resigned, and on February 1, of the following year, Reverend James Gilpatrick was invited to settle as pastor, on a salary of four hundred dollars. He accepted the call February 5, and was installed April 22, 1846. The services were as follows : —

Reading of Scripture, by Elder J. Hubbard ; prayer, by Elder N. Norton ; sermon, by Elder N. W. Williams ; prayer, by Elder H. Hawes ; charge, by Elder W. C. Grant ; right hand of fellowship, by Elder M. Hanscom ; address to church, etc. by Elder William Bailey ; prayer, by Elder J. Ricker ; benediction, by the pastor.

[1853.] Elder Gilpatrick, having determined to move with his family to Kansas, — then beginning to be settled, — sent in his resignation April 2, 1853, and it was accepted by the church to take place in June following. On July 17, Elder A. Robbins was invited to settle as pastor, on the same salary as his predecessor. On the twenty-fourth of the following September, however, his salary was increased to four hundred and fifty dollars.

[1859.] On June 5, 1859, Elder Robbins resigned under circumstances that led many to have doubts as to his fitness for his position. When his resignation was accepted, however, some commendatory resolutions were passed by the church. These resolutions were displeasing to some of the members, and for a time the matter seriously disturbed the church.

[1860.] March 25, 1860, Reverend L. P. Gurney received a call from the church to settle as their pastor, and accepted the invitation the following May.

[1862.] At a meeting held on April 6, 1862, the church was presented by Deacon William Barron with a complete silver communion service.

[1865.] At a meeting of the church, held July 1, 1865, Reverend L. P. Gurney, Deacons David Scribner and William Barron, William Skolfield, George A. Rogers, and W. E. Haley were chosen a Committee of Arrangements for a semi-centennial anniversary of the formation of the church. On September 2 the anniversary was celebrated in an appropriate manner, Reverend Adam Wilson, D. D., delivered an historical discourse, which, in accordance with a vote of the church, was printed in 1866.

[1866-1868.] March 1, 1866, Elder Gurney resigned his charge, and the church was for a time without any settled minister. On February 2, 1867, however, Reverend A. Bryant united with the church and supplied the pulpit until February 11, 1868.

In 1869, Reverend Ira P. Leland, the present pastor, was installed.

#### THE FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY.<sup>1</sup>

[1783.] The first minister of this denomination who preached in Topsham was Elder Benjamin Randall, who preached once or twice in John Merrill's barn about the year 1783.

[1815.] The Second Parish, as already stated, was made up of both Calvinist and Free-Will Baptists. Their first pastor was Elder Purington. He sympathized in his views with the Free-Will Baptists. In 1815 he baptized six persons, who subsequently joined the Free-Will Baptist Church. The next preacher of this denomination was Elder Benjamin Thorn, who preached one season or more in the "old yellow meeting-house." The precise time that he was engaged with this church is not stated, but it must have been between the fall of 1815 and the fall of 1816.

[1816-17.] In 1816, Elder George Lamb preached a few times and was succeeded by Elder Farwell, who preached to the society in 1817.

[1822.] There was occasional but not regular preaching after this up to about 1822, when Elder Briggs settled for about one year. He preached a portion of the time in the Topsham Court House, and the remainder of the time in a hall in Brunswick village. Why services were not held in the yellow meeting-house is not known. It was not occupied by the Baptists, and the presumption is that the Court House was used because the meeting-house was so far out of the village. About this time the Free-Will Baptists began to leave the Calvinist

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<sup>1</sup> *From a sketch of the same by the late Mr. William Whitten.*



Baptist Church. As the latter had given up the Second Parish Meeting-House, and had been incorporated into a new society, it is by no means unreasonable to suppose that the former constituted then, and are now, the Second Parish.

[1825-6.] In the autumn of 1825, Elders Clement Phinney, Allen Files, and Abizer Bridges came to Topsham and preached occasionally. On December 15, 1825, the church was organized by Elder Bridges, who baptized the eight individuals of which it was composed.

Additions continued to be made to the church, and on Saturday, February 4, 1826, a meeting was held at John Haley's, near the yellow meeting-house. At this meeting Elder Bridges, having been chosen moderator, the church elected Elder Allen Files, pastor; Andrew Jack and Joshua Haskell, deacons; and Uriah Jack, clerk.

[1830.] After five years' service, Elder Files resigned, and was succeeded by Elder Dexter Waterman, in 1830. He remained but one year, and after he left the church was without a pastor and had preaching only occasionally, for about five years. During this time the church became very low and feeble. Some of its members had died, others had left town, and but a few remained who were able to be of much assistance in sustaining a preacher.

[1836.] March 22, 1836, Elders George Lamb and Clement Phinney were sent by the Bowdoin Quarterly Meeting to visit the church, and try to revivify it. Accordingly, on that day, the church met at the old red school-house and chose Elder Lamb, moderator. At the commencement of the meeting the members were very much discouraged, and were inclined to give up their organization and join other churches. Elder Lamb, however, said to them, "You ought to be ashamed to let your own fire go out, and then crawl in and warm yourselves by another man's." This and similar remarks served to inspire them with new zeal, and they determined to make strenuous efforts to support a church and society. They at once voted to engage Elder Lamb to preach one half the time. As the society owned no meeting-house, the yellow one being owned by members of both Baptist societies, a committee was chosen to purchase one. This committee was, however, saved from all trouble in the matter by Deacon Joshua Haskell, who purchased the former Baptist meeting-house or vestry (the one afterwards used as a town-house) at an expense of about three hundred and fifty dollars. Elder Lamb commenced his pastoral labors in May, 1836, and remained over the church until his death, which occurred on the fourteenth of the following

December. At the same time that Elder Lamb was preaching in the village, Elder Charles Bean was preaching in the "Mallett" neighborhood. He made many converts, who all joined the church in the village.

In 1836 it was decided to build a new meeting-house. This enterprise received the hearty encouragement of all the members, and the present building was accordingly completed in August, 1837, at an expense of \$3,000. A. C. Raymond, of Brunswick, was the builder.

Previously to the erection of this building a Sabbath school was organized, in which A. R. Bradbury and J. J. Butler, students in Bowdoin College, took an active part.

After the death of their pastor, Mr. J. J. Butler supplied the pulpit for a while. Elder Phinney also preached for a few months, but there was no one settled until May, 1837. On May 20, 1837, Elder Daniel Jackson moved to town with his family, and was settled as the pastor of this church. He remained over them until some time in 1840.

[1842.] He was succeeded in the autumn of that year by Elder Andrew Rollins, who remained until the spring of 1842.

[1843.] Elder Rollins was succeeded by Elder Peter Folsom, who continued until February, 1843, when he was obliged to leave on account of illness.

[1843-1846.] In the summer of 1843, Elder Daniel Jackson was again engaged to take the pastoral care of this church. He remained until some time in the early part of 1846. During his last pastorate, in 1843 and 1844, the "Miller" excitement prevailed in the town. The members of the church, not wishing "to stand against anything that looked like truth," permitted their church to be used for the promulgation of the new views. The result was a loss of some ten or more members, and some disaffection amongst those who remained. The trouble was not, however, of long duration.

Elder Peter Folsom succeeded Elder Jackson, and preached for one year, when he was himself succeeded by Elder Charles Bean, who remained about two years.

[1849.] In September, 1849, E. B. Fernald, a student from the Biblical School at Whitestown, received a call and commenced preaching to this church. He was ordained at the meeting-house in Topsham in October following. He remained pastor of this church about two years and a half.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Whitten's sketch ends at this point. He intended bringing it down to a more recent date, but his sickness and death prevented, and we are now unable to give a more complete account.

Since then the following preachers have been settled over this society : —

Reverend William T. Smith, from 1852 until 1857 ; Reverend M. W. Burlingame, from 1857 until 1863 ; Reverend S. D. Strout, from 1863 until 1864 ; Reverend A. A. Smith, from 1864 to 1870 ; Reverend E. Manson, from 1870 to 1874 ; J. A. Simpson, for about six months in 1874-5, after which there was no settled minister until June, 1877, when Reverend A. G. Hill, the present pastor, was settled over the society.

#### ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

The Congregational Church was, as stated in the account of the First Parish, the *church* of that parish, though the *society* constituted only a portion of it. The following sketch is therefore, so far as it concerns the church, a continuation of that of the First Parish.

[1835.] On May 16, 1835, the church adopted their present confession of faith, and this date may be considered as probably the last meeting of the church prior to the dissolution of the First Parish.

[1836.] In May, 1836, Reverend J. T. Hawes, who had been settled over the First Parish in 1831, resigned, and was succeeded by Reverend Mr. High, who supplied the pulpit for eight weeks, by Reverend Mr. Cleaveland for eleven weeks, and by Professor Smyth, of Bowdoin College, for eight months. A new house of worship<sup>1</sup> was erected this year by voluntary subscriptions.

[1837.] In July, 1837, Reverend Thomas N. Lord commenced preaching to this society and was ordained in August. He was invited at a joint meeting of the church and society held in the Court House in January, 1837. His salary was five hundred dollars per annum. The council for his ordination met August 7.

The services were held on the next day and were as follows : —

Singing by the choir ; prayer, by Reverend Ray Palmer, 2d church, Bath ; singing by the choir ; sermon, by Reverend David Thurston, Winthrop ; consecrating prayer, by Reverend Josiah T. Hawes, Edgecomb ; charge to pastor, by Reverend Jacob C. Goss, Woolwich ; singing by choir ; right hand of fellowship, by Reverend George E. Adams, Brunswick ; address to church and people, by Reverend Timothy Davis, Litchfield ; concluding prayer, by Professor Smyth, Bowdoin College ; benediction, by the pastor.

[1841.] At a meeting held September 21, 1841, the church passed the following resolutions : —

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<sup>1</sup> The present edifice.



“Resolved, that we have entire confidence in the ability and piety of our pastor, and that the welfare of this church and the interests of religion in this place demand that the connection be continued.

“Resolved, that in the opinion of this church, Reverend Mr. Lord has faithfully preached the gospel, and the church is willing to sustain him.” The foregoing resolutions evidently indicate the existence of some dissatisfaction in the society, though not in the church.

At a joint meeting of the church and society, held July 2, 1842, Mr. Lord in a verbal communication requested to have the connection severed between himself and the society, on account chiefly of the state of his health, but partly on account of some disaffection which he thought existed. The meeting voted that Major Nahum Perkins and Matthew Patten be a committee to settle up the affairs of the society; “that John Barron, Alfred Perkins, and Samuel Douglass be a committee to take charge of the meeting-house, ring the bell, settle with the minister, etc.

“That Deacon Sprague, Nahum Perkins, Given Jameson, and Alfred S. Perkins be a committee to consult with Reverend Mr. Lord concerning his request.”

[1842.] On July 5, 1842, this committee reported that Mr. Lord still wished to dissolve his connection with them, and the church and society accordingly gave their assent and voted to call an ecclesiastical council. On July 12 the council met, and after long deliberation agreed by a very small majority to sever the connection.

At a church meeting, held September 18 of this year, the standing committee of the church was instructed to make an agreement with Reverend Daniel Sewall to supply the pulpit for that year, commencing July 1, 1842, and ending July 1, 1843. He had already preached five Sabbaths.

[1843.] Between October 2, 1842, and August 5, 1843, the slavery question began to be discussed in the church, and caused some disaffection. One member was refused a letter of recommendation to a church of which the members were slave-owners, and several resolutions against slavery were passed, which so offended a number of the members that they absented themselves from church meetings for some time.

[1844.] At a meeting held May 16, 1844, complaint was made against several persons that they had withdrawn from the communion and had embraced “unscriptural and erroneous doctrines,” having accepted the views of the Second Adventists. A committee was appointed to visit and argue the matter with them, but their argu-

ments had no effect, and these individuals were excommunicated about a month later.

On July 14 of this year a letter was received from the *acting* pastor, Reverend David Sewall, urging the church to settle a permanent minister. Isaac L. Cook, Deacon Willis Sprague, and Samuel Jameson were chosen a committee "to ascertain if a sufficient sum could be raised to secure a minister."

[1845-6.] In August, 1845, the church extended an invitation to Reverend Jonathan Clement, of Chester, New Hampshire, to preach to them as a candidate for settlement, and on September 5, 1846, the church voted, "To concur with the parish in extending a call to the Reverend Jonathan Clement to become pastor over the church." He accepted, and was installed February 1, 1847.

[1852.] May 13, 1852, Reverend Mr. Clement and his wife were dismissed from this church, and recommended to the Congregational Church in Woodstock, Vermont, where he had received a call to settle. During Mr. Clement's pastorate the church was prosperous, and nothing appears on the records save a few cases of discipline not necessary to be mentioned.

From the time of the dismissal of Mr. Clement until his successor was installed, the pulpit was supplied by Professor Alpheus S. Packard, of Bowdoin College.

In December, 1852, a call was extended to Reverend John Wilde, of Falmouth, and a council was called for his installation.

[1853.] This council met January 4, 1853, and the following services were held:—

Prayer, by Reverend P. F. Barnard; sermon, by Reverend William Warren; installing prayer, by Reverend J. W. Turner; charge to pastor, by Reverend J. W. Ellingwood; right hand of fellowship, by Reverend George E. Adams, D. D.; address to people, by Reverend J. O. Fisk; concluding prayer, by Reverend E. Whittlesey; benediction, by the pastor.

[1854.] On August 19, 1854, a letter was received from Mr. Wilde asking to have a council called to act upon his request for a dissolution of the pastoral relation, the reason of his request being the inadequacy of his salary. In compliance with this request the church, August 21, voted to call a council. This council met shortly afterwards, and dissolved the relation between the pastor and church.

[1856.] After Mr. Wilde left, Reverend James M. Palmer supplied the pulpit for one year. He was followed by Reverend J. Q. Peabody,

of Ipswich, Mass., who supplied till October, 1856, when he accepted a call to settle at Fryeburg.

In December, 1856, Reverend Daniel F. Potter, of Union, was invited to preach for a few Sabbaths. He was then invited to settle, but declined, agreeing, however, to preach to the society during their mutual pleasure.

[1865-6.] June 3, 1865, Mr. Potter notified the church that on account of ill-health he should be unable to preach any more. Between this date and June, 1866, the desk was supplied by Professors Packard and Sewall, of Bowdoin College, and by Reverend Elijah Kellogg, of Boston.

[1868.] During the year 1868 a new and handsome spire was erected on the meeting-house, and the whole building was remodelled.

[1869-1875.] On February 4, 1869, the building was rededicated. The services of the occasion were as follows :—

Invocation, by Reverend Mr. Bryant, of the Baptist Church; reading of Scriptures, by Reverend Mr. Potter; sermon, by Professor Jotham S. Sewall, of Bowdoin College; dedicatory prayer, by Reverend Doctor Adams, of Brunswick; hymn, prayer, and benediction, by Reverend Mr. Smith, of the Free Baptist Church, Topsham.

From the records of this church the following facts have been gleaned :—

The number admitted to the church up to 1821 was	22
“ “ up to 1874 was	263
Whole number admitted on confession	238
“ “ “ by letter	25
“ “ dismissed	49
“ “ suspended	5
“ “ excommunicated	6
“ “ who died up to 1874	92

The number of infants baptized between October, 1833, and July, 1871, was thirty-four, — twenty-two boys and twelve girls.

The number of members in 1874 was one hundred and twelve, of which the males numbered seventy-eight and the females one hundred and eighty-five. Reverend Nahum W. Grover has preached for this society since the fall of 1875.

#### THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY.

Previous to the formation of the Orthodox Congregational Society, in 1836, the First Parish had ceased to hold meetings as such. A



majority of the owners of pews in the second meeting-house of the First Parish being Unitarians, meetings were held in the meeting-house for many years, which were conducted by Unitarian preachers.

The first preacher of this denomination who ever conducted religious services here is thought to have been a Reverend Mr. Greeley, who preached on one occasion in the old east meeting-house. He was afterwards a deacon of Doctor Channing's church, in Boston.

[1836-1838.] Reverend H. Edes preached in town on December 11, 1836, whether for more than one Sunday is not known. He was followed by Reverend Mr. Russell, Reverend J. O. Day, Reverend Mr. Crafts, and Reverend G. M. Rice. The engagement of the latter commenced in August, 1837, and ended August 25, 1839.

[1839.] On the date last mentioned Reverend Amos D. Wheeler, then of Standish, preached on an exchange with Mr. Rice. The same evening a committee of the "subscribers for the support of Unitarian preaching" invited him to take charge of the pulpit for the term of three years, that being the unexpired portion of the time for which their subscriptions had been made. The committee consisted of the following persons:—

Humphrey Purinton, William Frost, Benjamin Hasey, Gardner Green, Charles Thompson, John Coburn, and John S. Cushing.

The invitation was accepted, and he removed to Topsham with his family on the twenty-sixth day of October of that year, having in the mean time preached there two or three times.

From fear of losing their rights as members of the First Parish, this society refrained from asking for an Act of Incorporation, neither was any church formally constituted by council, according to Congregational usage.

The pastor, however, did collect together into a church such as were willing to sign the following covenant:—

“‘One is your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren.’—*Matthew* xxiii, 8.

“‘One shall say, I am the Lord's, and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob, and another shall subscribe with his own hand unto the Lord.’—*Isaiah* xlv, 5.

“We whose names are hereunto annexed, receiving the Bible as the rule of our faith and practice, do hereby associate for our mutual improvement in truth and holiness, as the disciples of Christ. And we declare it to be our sincere desire and purpose, as far as lieth in us, to walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord

blameless, and to cherish and maintain towards all Christians 'the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.'"

From the pastor's records the following names of the communicants are obtained. The date at which they joined the church is not given: —

John Coburn, Nathaniel Dunning, John S. Cushing, Joseph N. Dunning, Amos D. Wheeler, Charles H. Wheeler, Javan H. Hall, Mr. Bicknell, Joshua Young, John M. Goodwin, George N. Richardson, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Moreton, John D. Coburn, Sarah E. Purinton, Sarah C. Cushing, Isabella M. Dunning, Delia A. Dunning, Mary W. Green, Mary A. Green, Mary Thompson, Harriet N. Houghton, Louisa A. Wheeler, Mary B. H. Wheeler, Annie E. Thompson, Sarah A. Thompson, Hannah Rogers, Mrs. Coburn, Mrs. Dunning, Mrs. N. Walker, Mrs. H. Purinton, Mrs. Sarah Thompson, Miss Palmer, Miss Webb, Mrs. Shaw, Elizabeth W. Purinton, Pen-thea S. Hall. Many of these members belonged in Brunswick, and some of the males were students in college.

During the pastorate of Reverend Doctor Wheeler in this town the average attendance at meeting was about one hundred. The building, having been erected for the accommodation of the whole town, was of course too large for any one of the four societies which then existed in the town, and consequently the attendance at the Unitarian services always appeared smaller than it really was. Although small in numbers, it had, however, its full share of the intelligence and pecuniary ability of the community.

[1850.] At the expiration of a little more than ten years from the settlement of their last pastor, arrangements were made to unite the two "liberal" societies of Brunswick and Topsham. The arrangements were completed and went into effect in November, 1850.

[1853.] In 1853 the "proprietors of the Unitarian Meeting-House in Topsham" obtained authority from the legislature to sell it. It was accordingly sold, and in December of that year taken down and removed to a ship-yard at Middle Bays, owned by Robert Pennell, Jr., and others, where it was erected into a boarding-house.

The ministerial fund of the First Parish came into the hands of the pew-holders of the Unitarian Society. It amounted in 1836 to seven hundred and thirty-six dollars and sixty-one cents. This sum was in the hands of various individuals, who gave their notes for the several amounts in their possession. After the transference of the preaching to Brunswick, these notes were unintentionally allowed to become out-

lawed, and the fund has thus become lost beyond recovery, some of the parties owing the money having died.

Nothing, therefore, now remains in Topsham to remind one of the old First Parish Society except the graveyard attached to the old first meeting-house.

#### CHURCH AND SOCIETY OF THE SECOND ADVENTISTS.

About the year 1843 an individual by the name of Starkweather came to town, and preached the peculiar views of this society in the Free-Will Baptist Meeting-House. He was succeeded by several others of the followers of "Joe Miller," and quite a number of converts were made, some coming from nearly all the churches. A society was formed and regular meetings were held on Saturday. The society owned no place of worship, but were accustomed to meet at the houses of members. About the year 1844 a paper was issued for a short time by this society. It was devoted exclusively to the dissemination of their religious views. Several predictions were made as to the second coming of the Messiah, and on at least one occasion preparations were made for the event. The society gradually dwindled away, though meetings of its members were held each Saturday until about 1852.

#### OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

No other religious society was ever formed in this town, but other denominations have occasionally had preaching here for a short time, — the Universalists in the Court House in 1841,<sup>1</sup> and the Methodists and Episcopalians, and perhaps others, at other times.

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<sup>1</sup> *A. D. Wheeler's Diary.*



## CHAPTER XIV.

## ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY OF HARPSWELL.

THE early settlers of Harpswell belonged, for the most part, either to the Congregational or to the Church of England denomination.<sup>1</sup> There were, however, amongst them a few Quakers, who set up a monthly meeting about the year 1751. The inhabitants at first contributed to the support of preaching in the First Parish of North Yarmouth, as it appears from the records of that town that on April 16, 1744, the town excused the inhabitants of Merriconeag from paying the minister's rate for that year. In 1751 Merriconeag became a parish, styled the Second Parish in North Yarmouth, and from this time, if not before, voluntarily employed a minister of their own. The first was Reverend Richard Pateshall, a graduate of Harvard College. He preached for two or three years, but was not permanently settled. He was succeeded by Reverend Mr. Packard, who preached only for a short time.

[1753.] In 1753 a church was formed and Reverend Elisha Eaton was settled. The council that met to ordain him assembled at the house of Lieutenant Eaton, it being the only house in town, at that date, that had plastered rooms.<sup>2</sup>

[1758-9.] In 1758 and 1759 the meeting-house on Merriconeag Neck was built, though it was not entirely completed for many years. This building will be more particularly described in another chapter.

In 1758 the town voted that "the Selectmen should proportion the preaching on the Island according to the Rates they pay, and to loose an equal proportion of the time that is deficient." Also to pay four shillings for each Sabbath to the persons who conveyed Mr. Eaton to the Island.

On May 19, 1759, the town voted that Mr. Eaton should preach "in the meeting-house for the future, except foul weather prevents." The selectmen were authorized to hire persons to convey him to the

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<sup>1</sup> *Kellogg, MS. Lecture.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

Island. In 1760 the town voted that the people on the Island should be taxed in proportion to the amount of preaching they had. These votes show clearly that Mr. Eaton, thus early, was accustomed to preach on Sebascoodigan Island, as well as on the Neck. But little is known concerning the affairs of this church during the ten or eleven years' pastorate of Mr. Eaton; no records have been found, and even our knowledge of its existence at that time, as an organized church, is traditional. What Mr. Eaton's salary was is not known with certainty. In 1758 the town raised for that purpose sixty-five pounds, in 1760 seventy pounds, and in 1762 seventy-five pounds.

[1764.] Reverend Elisha Eaton died on Sunday morning, April 22, 1764, aged sixty-two years. On May 22 a committee was chosen to supply the pulpit with a minister. The town also at this meeting voted £37 7s. to defray Mr. Eaton's funeral expenses, and "to give the widow of the Deceased Rev'd Mr. Eaton a Decent sute of mourning."

On July 3d of this year the town voted to pay William Modgridge eight shillings, for making Mr. Eaton's coffin, and to pay a Mr. Babb five shillings for assisting in making the coffin and digging the grave.

On July 17th the town voted to give Reverend Samuel Eaton, the son of their former pastor, an invitation to settle with them, the vote having been unanimous on the part of the church and congregation. It was also voted to give him £120 as a settlement and to pay £40 a year until the settlement was paid. £66 13s. 4d. was also voted as his yearly salary. Benjamin Jaques and Nathaniel Purinton were chosen to represent the town in the committee chosen by the church to deliver the invitation.

At a meeting of the town, held August 27, it was voted that the "minister should go to the Island called Great Island, fifteen Sabbaths a year, yearly, allowing each day that is appointed by s<sup>d</sup> Minister to be one of s<sup>d</sup> fifteen days, and the Minister to go when he pleases till the fifteen days each year are completed."

The town, at this meeting, also voted to fix upon a place for a meeting-house on the Great Island.

For some reason the invitation voted to Mr. Eaton seems to have been unsatisfactory, and accordingly it was renewed by both the town and the church, at a meeting held on the nineteenth of September.

At this latter meeting a committee was chosen to make the arrangements for his ordination. He was ordained the following October.

[1765.] In May, 1765, the town voted an appropriation of £206

6s. 11d., old tenor, to defray the charges attendant upon this ordination.

No further action appears to have been taken by the town in regard to ecclesiastical matters for some years, and no parish or church records have been found of an earlier date than the year 1770.

The first church records of Harpswell that are to be found begin with a church meeting, held August 2, 1770, on Sebascoodigan Island, at which Isaac Snow was chosen deacon.

At a subsequent church meeting, October 24, 1770, the following preamble and votes were passed:—

“ We that thro’ God’s Goodness, have been combin’d, & are still continued a Chh. of his, having heretofore consented unto the Covenant of Grace, according to the gracious Terms whereof, we have made Choice of the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son & Spirit as our God, and of the Lord Jesus Christ as the glorious Mediator, upon whose Fullness of Merit & Power we rely, as well to be strengthened for the Duties, as to be invested with y<sup>e</sup> Blessings of that well ordered Covenant: being withall sensible y<sup>t</sup> our Justification by Faith in the Righteousness of him who is a Saviour and Surety for us, does very strongly oblige us to close with all the Commands of God, as holy, just & good, and as those Rules, in Conformity to which alone, our Peace can be lengthened out: y<sup>t</sup> its our Duty to walk circumspectly, not as Fools but as wise, redeeming the Time, because the Days are evil. and calling to Mind y<sup>e</sup> sinfull Miscarriages of some Professors, who are Spots in our Feasts of Charity, and our Duty to Watch over y<sup>m</sup> for their good; and considering further that the Doors of the Chh. do not by God’s Appointment stand so wide open, y<sup>t</sup> all sorts of Persons good & bad may freely enter in at their pleasure; y<sup>t</sup> the Eunuch of Ethiopia was examin’d by Philip; y<sup>t</sup> the Angle of the Chh. of Ephesus is commended for trying such as said they were Apostles, and were not; and y<sup>t</sup> twelve Angles were set at y<sup>e</sup> Gates of y<sup>e</sup> Temple, lest such as were ceremonially unclean should enter therein, (2 Chron. 23, 19. Mat. 13, 25, & 22, 12. Acts 8, 37. Rev. 2, 2, & 21, 12,) Have accordingly convened at a Chh. Meeting, at the Meeting House duly notified by the Pastor, this 24 Oct<sup>o</sup>. 1770, and made the following Resolves:—

“ The Rev. Samuel Eaton Moderator.

“ I. *Voted*, that it is the Intention of this Chh. according to the best of their knowledge, to adhere closely to y<sup>e</sup> sacred Scripture for their Guide, and to the Rules therein contained for their mode of Dis-



cipline, and to come into no Resolves, for which they have not a divine Warrant.

“ 2. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> it would be a great evil in us, if we should not accord<sup>z</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> best of our Capacity, attend & support y<sup>e</sup> Institutions of God in the Midst of us, & that Chh. Discipline w<sup>ch</sup> he has commanded in his Word, that there may be Nothing wanting thereunto.

“ 3. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> it is the Opinion of this Chh. y<sup>t</sup> the receiving into Chh. Communion, or w<sup>t</sup> is called owning the Covenant, those persons who live prayerless in their Families, is a scandal to our holy Religion. Therefore,

“ 4. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> this Chh. will not for y<sup>e</sup> future receive into Chh. Communion, or what is called owning the Covenant, those persons who live prayerless in their Families.

“ 5. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> it is the Opinion of this Chh. y<sup>t</sup> maliciously to make, or injuriously to spread abroad any false Report, or Reports to y<sup>e</sup> Injury of the Innocent, is detestable in the sight of God, & ought to be so to us. Therefore,

“ 6. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> if any chh. Member or p<sup>r</sup>sons in Covenant, shall maliciously make, or injuriously spread abroad any false Report, or Reports, to the Injury of the Innocent, he or she, upon Conviction by the Mouth of two or three witnesses, shall be lyable to y<sup>e</sup> censure of this Church, as those who sin, are to be rebuked before all.

“ 7. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> if any Chh. Member, absent him or herself from the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, in its stated administration, he or she, shall be accounted in the eye of the Chh. as a disorderly Walker, & guilty of the Breach of his or her Covenant Obligations.

“ 8. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> it is the Opinion of this chh. that the Custom of young People, of both sexes, getting together in the Night, in those Companies for Mirth & Jollity, Fiddling and Dancing y<sup>t</sup> they call Frolicks, so spending the Time together till late in the Night, in their Jollity, to the neglect of family Prayer, and violating all Order, is a sin detestable in the sight of God, & ought to be so to us. Therefore,

“ 9. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> if any chh. Member, or Members, or p<sup>r</sup>sons in Covenant, shall assemble at those places, where such things are, or allow of the same in their Houses sh<sup>h</sup> come under the censure of this Chh. so far as to be debarr'd Chh. priviledges, til they give Scripture Satisfaction.

“ 10. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> it is the Opinion of this Chh. y<sup>t</sup> Churches ought to preserve Communion one w<sup>th</sup> another, because yy are all united unto Christ, not only as a mistical, but as a political Head: Therefore

“ 11. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> this Chh. will not hold Communion w<sup>th</sup> the Member of another regular Chh. who is und<sup>r</sup> the Censure or Suspension of y<sup>t</sup> Chh. til he or she gives that Satisfaction agree<sup>ble</sup> to Scripture, & as practiced by the Chh<sup>s</sup> in N. England.

“ 12. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Cuningham, Benj<sup>a</sup> Jaques, and Jacob Blake, be a Committee for the Neck, and John Snow & Nath<sup>l</sup> Purington for the Island called great Sebascodigin, to inspect y<sup>e</sup> walk of Professors, and enquire into Reports if any there may be, and accordingly make Report to the Pastor.

“ 13. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> it is the Opinion of this Chh. y<sup>t</sup> for Professors unnecessarily to frequent a Tavern on the Lords Day there to spend some part of it needlessly drinking spirituous Liquor, is a sin detestable in the sight of God, and ought to be so to us, Therefore,

“ 14. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> if any Professor shall unnecessarily frequent any Tavern on the Lord's Day, or there repair with a view needlessly to drink spirituous Liquor, or shall at any Time be guilty of Drunkenness, or drinking to excess, he or she shall come und<sup>r</sup> the Censure of this Church.

“ 15. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> it is y<sup>e</sup> Opinion of this Chh. that some provision be made by them, for the Relief of such Chh. Members, (being well reported of) as are by the providence of God cast into indigent Circumstances. Therefore,

“ 16. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> Messrs. Edward Cuningham, Ben<sup>a</sup> Jaques, and Jacob Blake, be a Committee for the Neck, and John Snow & Nathaniel Purington for the Island, y<sup>t</sup> if any Chh. Members, who conduct according to the Gosple, and are well reported of but by the providence of God are cast into those circumstances w<sup>ch</sup> necessarily call for Releif, may apply to, and the Committee to make it known to the Pastor, and the Pastor to call the Brethren together that they may judge of their Case, and accord<sup>g</sup> to their Liberality releive them.

“ 17. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> this Chh. will receive No Report unless proved by the Mouth of Two or Three Witnesses.

“ 18. *Voted*, y<sup>t</sup> these Resolves be entered upon the Chh. Records, and publicly read upon the Lords Day.

“ A true Copy from the Minutes examined and attested,

“ By SAML. EATON, *Moderator.*

“ Consented to

“ SAML EATON, *Pastor.*”

[1777.] At a meeting held May 29, 1777, Joseph Ewing was chosen a deacon.

[1784.] At a church meeting held at the meeting-house, May 31, 1784, it was voted that those who desired church privileges should be examined before the church, and that those living holy lives might have their children baptized though they themselves were not church members. That the deacons should be a committee to inspect the walk of church members, and that the pastor had liberty, "provided he sees his way clear, to baptize by Immersion those who conscientiously desire it, provided they give Satisfaction to the Church of their Faith in Christ & live holy Lives."

At a meeting held August 31, 1786, the church unanimously voted to rescind the seventeenth vote, in regard to receiving reports against members, that was passed October 24, 1770.

[1787.] The previous unanimity in regard to religious affairs in this town began to be disturbed about this time. At a meeting of the town, held in March, 1787, it was voted that those persons who did not intend to pay the minister's tax should give in their names to the committee chosen for the purpose, and should give their reasons to this committee in writing. The committee were to report at a subsequent meeting, but no such report is in the records.

[1803.] At a church meeting, held on April 28, 1803, James Wilson was unanimously chosen a deacon.

[1806.] This year the town voted that Mr. Eaton need preach only in the west meeting-house, on account of the difficulty of a person of his age going to and from the Island.

[1813.] At the annual meeting of the town in 1813 it was agreed that Mr. Eaton should preach only in the west part of the town that year, and that the inhabitants of Great Island should be exempt from paying a tax for his support, "excepting the Ewings." The reason for thus excepting one family was undoubtedly because they lived so near, — just across the Narrows, — and could easily and were accustomed to attend the meetings on the Neck; and also because they were strong supporters of Mr. Eaton and were well-to-do people.

A special town meeting was held in September of this year, at which John Blake, Isaiah Snow, and Paul Raymond were chosen a committee "to go and converse with the Rev'd Samuel Eaton." The nature of the conversation is not recorded, but it may have been in regard to the taxing for his support of residents upon Sebasco digan Island, as following the record of the meeting is this entry: —



“HARPSWELL, Sept. 3<sup>d</sup>, 1813.

“I hereby Certify that I do from this Date for Ever Relinquish the Civil Contract between great Sebascodegin Island and my Self.

“SAMUEL EATON

“ANTHONY COOMBS, JR.  
MARLBORO SYLVESTER

“MARLBORO SYLVESTER *T. Clerk*”

[1818.] At a special meeting of the town, held July 13, Marlboro Sylvester, Sylvester Stover, and Peleg Curtis were chosen to effect a settlement of accounts with Mr. Eaton. Their report was as follows:—

“We the subscribers chosen a Committee by the Town of Harpswell to settle with the Rev’d Sam’l Eaton in behalf of said Town, have attended the service of our appointment the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818 and we find that since the last settlement, which was up to July 13<sup>th</sup> 1813, there is due to him from the Town, for five years past services, the sum of \$1115. to this date, of which one third part was relinquished to Great Sebascodegin Island, which was \$371.66, leaving a balance due to him from the westerly part of said town of \$743.34.

“MARLBRO’ SYLVESTER	} Committee”
SYLVESTER STOVER	
PELEG CURTIS	

Following this report in the town records is this entry:—

“I do relinquish to the Town of Harpswell the whole of the above balance and acknowledge all accounts settled and balanced up to the above date of July 13<sup>th</sup> 1818.

“SAMUEL EATON.”

The reason why Mr. Eaton chose to relinquish so large a sum which was justly his due requires some explanation. The attendance upon his services was at this time small. The Baptists had withdrawn, many citizens objected to being taxed for the support of a minister, and some had absolutely refused to pay their taxes. The parish officers did not like to urge payment, for fear of creating still further opposition, which would result in the further injury of the parish, and thus the unpaid taxes were allowed to accumulate. Mr. Eaton could have compelled the town to pay the amount, but he relinquished it for the sake of harmony.

Probably about this time, though the exact date is nowhere given, Reverend Mr. Samuel Eaton resigned his pastorate. From an examination of the church records, it appears that while Mr. Eaton had charge of this church, he baptized five hundred and eighty-four male

children, five hundred and thirty-five female children, nine adult males, seventeen adult females, and two children of whom the sex was not designated, making in all one thousand one hundred and forty-seven persons baptized by him.

In this connection, the following document, obtained from an account-book of Reverend Elisha Eaton, will prove entertaining. It is certainly in the handwriting of Reverend Samuel Eaton, and is probably a portion of some report of his to the Missionary Association. From the number of baptisms recorded, it must have been written — judging from the list of baptisms in the church records — about the year 1767.

.. If I am not mistaken in my Calculat<sup>n</sup> I have preached 40 Serm<sup>ns</sup> exclusive of Sabbath, & the N<sup>o</sup> of Baptisms stands thus, —

Childn	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	157
Adults	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<hr/> 168

.. I now beg leave to make a few gen<sup>l</sup> Remarks. The pple who were y<sup>e</sup> Objects of my mission, are, in y<sup>e</sup> main in a broken State as to Religion. So far as I am able to judge, I impute it to y<sup>e</sup> multiplicity of lay preachers, and y<sup>e</sup> paucity of those who are regular and learned. Y<sup>s</sup> are an open Prey to every Imposter. Missionaries (as many well inclined & who even tremble for y<sup>e</sup> Ark of G. observed to me) were never more needed y<sup>n</sup> at this Day. I have found some, I believe, who know genuine religion, who are clear & distinguishing in their notions, & are not carried about by every Wind of Doctrine. Others who app<sup>r</sup> to me to boil over w<sup>th</sup> Enthusiasm, others who are thotless of y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> ought to be their chief Concern, and others who were enquiring w<sup>t</sup> yy should do to be saved. I feel for y<sup>e</sup> pple; yy need Guides, yy need Instruction, yy need y<sup>e</sup> right sort of preach<sup>rs</sup>. May G. of his infinite Mercy prevent their perishing for lack of vision. In my Public Discourses, as well as private Conv<sup>s</sup>ation, I endeavoured to distinguish between Truth & Error, an imaginary & true religion, & y<sup>e</sup> Operat<sup>n</sup> of both — to reclaim y<sup>e</sup> Erroneous — To detect y<sup>e</sup> Hypocrite, to encourage & help y<sup>e</sup> inquiring, to warn y<sup>e</sup> hardened Sin<sup>n</sup>er, to comfort those who mourn in Zion, & to establish y<sup>e</sup> true X<sup>t</sup>ian. Neither have I omitted y<sup>e</sup> Inculcation of morality, & y<sup>e</sup> necessity of encouraging human Literature &c.

.. So far as I am acquainted y<sup>e</sup> pple are hospitable, have treated me w<sup>th</sup> great respect & kindness, & all Denominations have industriously attended my preach<sup>s</sup> on the Sabb<sup>h</sup> and Lectures.

“ I pray G. to water y<sup>e</sup> seed w<sup>ch</sup>, &c, & to have y<sup>m</sup> und<sup>r</sup> his keeping and Guidance, to bless y<sup>m</sup> w<sup>th</sup> spiritu<sup>l</sup> & tem[poral] Favours, & y<sup>t</sup> each memb<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Society may be reward<sup>d</sup> w<sup>th</sup> an hund<sup>d</sup> fold here, & hereafter w<sup>th</sup> an unfading Crown of Glory. I conclude only w<sup>th</sup> adding y<sup>t</sup> I have endeavoured to execute my Mission in a mann<sup>r</sup> most agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Intentions of y<sup>e</sup> Society.”

[1823.] The earliest records of the First *Parish* that have come to our hands commence August 23, 1823. At this meeting Jonathan Johnson was chosen moderator; Joseph Eaton, clerk; Samuel Skolfield, treasurer; Benjamin Dunning, collector; George Skolfield and Jonathan Johnson, assessors; Benjamin Dunning, Joseph Eaton, and Deacon James Wilson, a standing committee. This committee was to supply the pulpit until the middle of November, from the money that had already been subscribed.

The church this year, at a meeting held December 30, voted “ to assent to the Cumberland Church Constitution.”

[1826.] At a parish meeting held April 15, it was voted that the committee for supplying the pulpit be also a committee “ to admit or reject the application of Strangers and others who may wish to hold meetings in the Meeting House.”

[1828.] The parish at a meeting held July 14, 1828, voted, though not with unanimity, to give Reverend Ebenezer Halping an invitation to settle as their pastor. They also voted that the money for his support should be raised by subscription, and that James Orr, Sylvester Stover, and Joseph Eaton be a committee to wait upon Mr. Halping and see for what sum he would agree to settle with them. The parish also choose a committee of three to confer with a like committee of the Baptist Society, “ to see if they concitute [conciliate?] Matters.”

At a meeting held August 4, it was voted that “ Captain James Orr be a committee to go and see Mr. Halping and state to him the means that we have to settle him and know if he would accept.” It was also voted that Mr. Halping should have what he could obtain from the Cumberland Conference in addition to what the parish gave.

[1829.] On January 21 the church voted to have a copy of the covenant and articles of faith distributed to each family connected with the church.

[1830.] At a meeting of the parish on April 12, 1830, it was voted to supply the pulpit for that year by subscription, and it is therefore most likely that Mr. Halping did not accept the call, though he may have supplied the pulpit for a while. At a meeting held De-



cember 20, the parish voted to hire Reverend Moses Welch for one year at a salary of four hundred dollars.

[1831.] On October 3 the parish and church united in extending an invitation to Reverend William Harlow, who had been preaching to them through the summer, to settle as their pastor, provided they could obtain the sum of two hundred dollars, and that he should obtain what sum he could from the Maine Missionary Society and the Cumberland County Conference. At a meeting held December 7, it was decided to have a stove in the meeting-house. Reverend Mr. Harlow accepted the invitation to settle, and at this meeting it was determined that the council for his installation should be entertained by individuals without expense to the parish.

[1832.] Mr. Harlow was ordained and installed January 25, 1832. The services were as follows:—

Prayer, by Reverend Mr. Adams; sermon, by Reverend Mr. Mitmore; installing prayer and charge, by Reverend Mr. Ellingwood; right hand of fellowship, by Reverend Mr. Adams; address to the people, by Reverend Mr. Hawes.

Following the above in the church records appears the following entry:—

“The Reverend Mr. Harlow took the liberty (without asking the consent of his people) to absent himself from them from the ninth of July to the thirteenth or fourteenth of August, 1832, therefore it may be considered that the civil contract expired the day he went away.”

This was signed, not by the real, but by an acting clerk. This mistake of taking a vacation without the consent of his parishioners was, however, afterwards rectified.

[1833.] At a parish meeting held November 9, 1833, it was voted to allow him four Sabbaths a year in which to visit his friends. A vote was also passed at this meeting that the Maine Missionary Society should be asked to give Mr. Harlow fifty dollars that year. The same request was made for several years in succession.

[1834.] At a meeting of the church in April of this year at the house of Stephen Sinnett, it was voted “that the record relative to the Reverend William Harlow, on the foregoing page, was made without the knowledge or approbation of the said church.”

[1837.] At a meeting of the church held in May, 1837, in compliance with the vote of a council that was held in September of the previous year, the acting clerk, who had been excommunicated on account of his entry in the records and his subsequent conduct, was restored to the fellowship of the church. At this meeting also, Deacon Simeon

Orr and Benjamin Dunning were chosen a committee "to request Mr. Harlow to ask a dismission, if he declined to invite a council."

[1838-1840.] Mr. Harlow probably resigned in the winter of 1838, perhaps earlier. From March, 1839, to March, 1840, the pulpit was supplied in turn by Reverends Clark, Cornish, Gillett, Kenderick, Purington, Merrill, Parsons, and Peasley.

The dismission of Mr. Harlow, or some other cause, seems to have produced considerable disaffection in the church, and during the year 1838 several members of the church were suspended or excommunicated.

Reverend Jotham Sewall, of Freeport, filled the pulpit for a while after Mr. Harlow left, and at a church meeting, held February 29, 1840, it was voted, "That the thanks of this church be presented to the church in Freeport for the faithful and interesting labors of their pastor with us of late."

[1843.] About this time a new meeting-house was built and a new society formed. Though the church and society of the First Parish probably continued to exist for some time after this event, yet no records were kept after the year 1844, and the preaching was probably only occasional in the old meeting-house. The church organization may have connected itself with the new society.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

The first Baptist preaching in Harpswell was in the year 1783, by Reverend Isaac Case and Mr. Potter. The former preached twenty-five sermons to the people on Great Island in the course of a few months. There was some opposition, and Mr. Case said that he was treated "rather coolly" by Reverend Samuel Eaton. On the nineteenth of January, 1785, a church was organized on this island by Reverend Messrs. Case and J. Macomber. It consisted of thirty-one members, of whom only a portion belonged in Harpswell.

A short time after the organization of this church Mr. Potter was baptized and united with it, and on October 5, 1785, he was ordained as an evangelist by Messrs. Case and Macomber, Mr. Case preaching the sermon for the occasion. Elder Potter soon received an invitation and took the pastoral charge of this church. During his ministry about twenty were added to it. He resigned in 1788. In 1790, Elder Elisha Snow, of Thomaston, was ordained as his successor, and preached about two years. He was succeeded by Reverend Samuel Woodard, of Brunswick, who was ordained at his own house, October 11, 1792. Elder Woodard resigned his charge in the latter part of 1801, and was succeeded by Reverend Samuel Mariner, who

was ordained in January, 1802. Elder Mariner remained as pastor until his death in 1832. After the death of Elder Mariner, up to the year 1845, this church had no settled minister, though its pulpit was supplied the greater part of the time by Elders S. Owen, Henry Kendall, D. Pierce, William Johnson, J. Butler, and N. Hooper.

This church has had at different times several distinct names. At first it was called the Harpswell Church, then Harpswell and Brunswick, and later it went by the name of the East Brunswick Church. The whole number of members up to the year 1843 was about two hundred and fifty.<sup>1</sup> Reference has been made to this church in the preceding chapter.

#### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY OF HARPSWELL.

[1827.] This church was organized November 13, 1827. The records commence with the following: —

“ We whose Names are hereunto affixed — Having a hope that God has Renewed our Hearts by his rich Grace, and has made it our duty to Glorify him on the Earth — We feel a desire to be embodied into a visible Predestinarian Baptist Church that we may More perfectly Glorify him and enjoy the ministration of his word and ordinances.”

The above was signed by: —

John L. Lambert, Elizabeth Lambert, Hannah Thomas, Lozana Alexander, Jane Wilson, Robert B. Gardner, Lucy Ann Farr, James S. Wyer, Mary Alexander, Norton Stover, Joshua Bishop, Patience Bishop, Isabella Merryman, Perry Alexander, Rosanna Alexander, Margaret Wyer, David Wilson, 2d, James Wilson, Jr.

At a meeting held November 3, 1827, the following was sent to the Baptist churches in Topsham and Brunswick, and to the “ *Harpswell Church in Brunswick.*”

“ Beloved Brethren: we wish you to send us your Elders and such brethren as you may think proper, to sit with us in Council for the purpose of organizing us into a Predestinarian Baptist Church, to meet with us at the Lower School House on the Neck, on Tuesday the 13th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M.”

In reply to this request the Topsham church sent Elder Henry Kendall, Ebenezer Whittemore, and James Cook; the Brunswick church sent Elder Benjamin Titcomb, David Given, Jr., and Samuel Given; the Harpswell church in Brunswick sent Elder Samuel Mariner, Robert

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<sup>1</sup> The foregoing account is taken from a “ *History of the Baptists in Maine,*” by Reverend J. Millet, 1845.



Jordan, and Henry Jordan. This council met November 13, and after choice of officers, they examined into the faith and order of the candidates, and voted to give them the right hand of fellowship.

The services were as follows:—

Prayer, by Mr. Hall; sermon, by Reverend Henry Kendall; after which the members arose and received the right hand of fellowship as a sister church; prayer, by Elder Mariner.

[1828.] At a meeting held January 5, 1828, William Randall and John L. Lambert were confirmed as deacons.

[1831.] The first elder to preach to them seems to have been Elder Kendall in 1831.

[1846–1850.] Elder Pinkham preached to them in 1846, and at a church meeting held August 15, 1847, he was formally invited to settle as their pastor. He was dismissed at his own request on October 4, 1850.

[1853–54.] Elder L. Barrows began to preach to this church about May, 1853, and on November 5 formally united with them. In July, 1854, he was dismissed in order to unite with the Baptist Church in Kennebunk.

[1856.] Elder J. Hutchinson of the Maquoit church in Brunswick preached occasionally after the dismissal of Elder Barrows, and on August 25, 1856, having been dismissed by the Maquoit church, was received into the fellowship of this church.

[1860.] In 1859, Elder Nelson was preaching to them; and on August 5, 1860, Elder Evans was sent as a delegate to a meeting of the Baptist Association, so it is safe to infer that he was preaching to this church.

[1862.] April 5, 1862, Reverend H. Perkins was received as a member of this church. On December 3 he received a certificate to enable him to join the church at Mechanic Falls, where he was already settled.

[1865.] On February 4, 1865, Elder N. P. Everett was admitted to fellowship.

[1866.] On August 4, 1866, Elder Sargent was chosen a delegate to the association.

[1869.] On August, 1869, Elder R. Goud was settled as pastor; and on the following twenty-fifth of December, Elder Everett was dismissed.

[1874.] On July 4, 1874, Reverend William R. Millett and wife were received into the church by letter from the church in South Auburn. He died in August, 1875.

The last entry in the church records is dated December 5, 1874. At this meeting it was voted to discontinue the Sunday school, and to hold Sabbath prayer-meetings immediately after the morning service instead of the evening.

#### THE FIRST FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

This society was organized on Great Island, April 17, 1817. The following are the names of the original members : —

Daniel Curtis, Stephen Purinton, Anthony Coombs, Arthur Hall, John Snow, Swanzev Wilson, Jane Dingley, Ruth Snow, Mary Purinton, Mary Rich, Desire Dingley, Sally Kemp, Mary Totman, Mary Raymond, Polly Purington, Fanny Merritt,<sup>1</sup> Martha Hall, Deborah Rich, Mary Linscott, Betsey Rich, Almira Purinton, Mary Purinton, Hannah Totman, Ruth Page, Joanna Curtis, Hannah Curtis, Sally Dingley, Priscilla Purinton, Eunice H. Purinton, and Hannah Dingley.

Reverend George Lamb, of Brunswick, was the settled minister from the organization of the society until his death, in 1835 or 1836. From that time until 1839 the pulpit was supplied by transient preachers. In 1839, Reverend O. W. Smith was settled over the church until 1842, and during this time sixty members were added to it. From 1843 to 1854, Reverend Levi Hersey was the pastor. From 1857 to 1860, Reverend David Libby Hind was settled, and during his pastorate thirty-five new members were added to the church. In 1866, Reverend L. C. Burr was settled for three years. Since then Reverend Messrs. D. Libby, A. Libby, Heath, and Prescott have supplied the pulpit.

The meeting-house of this society is the Free Union Baptist Meeting-House on Great Island. It was built by subscription in 1843.

This society is now feeble and the number of its members is small. They are also quite scattered through the town. Its present membership is but thirty-two.

#### THE SECOND, OR ORR'S ISLAND FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

This society was organized, in 1858, by Reverend J. Fuller. Its original members were : —

George W. Card, Reuben Dyer, John Black, Cummings Alexander, Sarah Dyer, Mary Green, Martha Sinnett, Adaline Orr, Henrietta Sinnett, Patience Orr, and Jane Alexander.

This society uses the Orr's Island Union Meeting-House, which was

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<sup>1</sup> *The only one now living.*

built about 1855, alternately with the other societies owning the building. The society is quite small, its present membership being but thirty. No facts have been obtained as to the ministers who have had charge of it.

#### FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY IN HARPSWELL.

[1838.] The first preaching of Universalist doctrines in Harpswell was in April, 1838. Reverend Seth Stetson visited Harpswell at this time, and preached two sermons to about thirty hearers in the Number Two School-House on the Neck.

[1839.] The next summer Reverend Mr. Stoddard preached there on two Sundays. In 1839 the Universalists raised about thirty dollars, and employed Reverend Mr. Stetson for six or seven Sabbaths.

[1840.] In 1840 a similar amount was raised, and preaching was had for about the same length of time.

[1841.] In 1841 the Universalists, together with some of a different faith, built a Union Meeting-House, which was dedicated by the Universalists on September 21. The sermon was by Reverend John T. Gilman, of Bath. There was a sermon in the afternoon by Reverend E. Wellington, and another in the evening by Reverend G. Bates.

[1842.] In 1842 they raised about fifty dollars, and employed Reverend L. P. Rand to preach one fourth of the time during that year.

[1844.] On April 20, 1844, a Universalist society was legally organized by the choice of Isaac Stover, moderator; Thomas Alexander, clerk; Samuel Dunning, treasurer; and Samuel Dunning, Joshua Stover, and Thomas Alexander, parish committee. The following constitution was adopted:—

“ We the subscribers being desirous of forming ourselves into a society, for the purpose of supporting and enjoying the preached Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, do hereby unite and agree to walk together in harmony and love. And to guide ourselves understandingly we adopt the following rules:—

“ 1st. We take the name of the First Universalist Society of Harpswell.

“ 2d. We take the Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments, as the rule of our faith and practice.

“ 3d. We agree to meet together as often as convenient for the worship of the one living and true God, the Father of the spirits and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“ 4th. We agree to subscribe, so far as we are able, for the sup-



port of the preached Gospel and the maintenance of Christian worship.

“ 5th. We agree to strive to live in a moral and virtuous manner that we may give no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully, and that we may honor our God and Saviour by a well-ordered life and Christian conversation.

“ 6th. Any person of a sober, moral character may become a member of this society by subscribing his or her name to the foregoing rules.

“ 7th. Any member may withdraw from this society when they shall have paid their subscription and signified their desire so to do, to the clerk of this society.”

The following names were affixed to this constitution : —

Isaac Stover, Thomas Alexander, Samuel Dunning, David Curtis, Joshua Stover, Paul R. Thomas, James Meryman, 2d, Alcot S. Pennell, Robert Pennell, Sylvester Stover, 2d, Jacob Blake, Alcot Stover, Harmon Pennell, Thomas Pennell, and Robert Dunning. In 1845 this society was received into the Kennebec Association of Universalists.

The entries in the records of this society are very brief, and contain little else than the lists of officers chosen annually.

At a meeting held April 14, 1849, it was voted to support a preacher that year by subscription, and not by taxation.

At a meeting held July 21, 1860, the treasurer in his report declared the society to be free from debt. The society, notwithstanding this fact, had only occasional preaching for nearly ten years.

[1870.] On January 29, 1870, the society was reorganized by the choice of Thomas Alexander as moderator; David Pennell, clerk; Alcot S. Pennell, Benjamin F. Randall, and Joshua Stover, standing committee; B. F. Randall and A. S. Pennell, collectors; and A. S. Pennell, treasurer. The last entry in the records is dated May 8, 1875. Between 1870 and 1875, Reverend William R. French, of Brunswick, preached a portion of the time in summer, in addition to his services at Brunswick. There is at present no settled minister, but the society is still in existence.

#### CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL PARISH.

[1843.] This society or parish originated in 1843 by certain individuals combining for the purpose of building a new meeting-house. It was formed, and the first meeting was held agreeably to the warrant for the same, on September 27. Daniel Randall was chosen

moderator, and William C. Eaton, clerk. The following constitution was adopted at this meeting : —

“ We the undersigned having organized ourselves into a parish under the name of the Centre Congregational Parish, in Harpswell, for the promotion of good morals, for religious teaching and instruction, and for sustaining and propagating the truths of the Gospel as held by the Orthodox Congregational denomination in this State, do adopt the following constitution : —

“ Article 1st. This parish shall consist of those whose names are affixed to the application for a warrant for organization, together with such other persons as they may from time to time elect, and who shall sign this constitution.

“ Art. 2d. The officers of this parish shall be a clerk, two or more assessors, a treasurer, a collector, and a standing committee of three, who shall be elected at the annual meetings.

“ Art. 3d. The annual meeting of this parish shall be held in the month of April in each year, on some day to be specified by the assessors.

“ Art. 4th. In case the annual meeting shall not be held at the time specified, the officers of the preceding year shall retain their offices until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

“ Art. 5th. This parish agree in the settlement of a minister, and in the support of the ordinances of the Gospel, to proceed upon the established principles of the Orthodox Congregational denomination in this State and to act in concert with the church in Harpswell of like order and faith.

“ Art. 6th. A majority of two thirds of all the legal voters in this parish shall be necessary to alter or amend this constitution.”

The original subscribers to the above constitution were : —

Silvester Stover, Joseph Eaton, James Stover, Simeon Orr, Jacob Meryman, Benjamin Dunning, George S. Dunning, Arthur Orr, Thomas U. Eaton, Lemuel H. Stover, Shubal Merryman, William C. Eaton, Daniel Randall, Henry Barnes, Joseph Stover, James Meryman, James Dunning, Jeremiah Meryman, Angier H. Curtis, Albert Stover, Paul C. Randall, Dominicus Jordan, William Barnes, James Curtis, Joseph Curtis, John Durgin, H. C. Martin, Ralph Johnson, Joseph A. Stover, Elisha S. Stover, and Isaac Merryman.

It was also at this meeting voted to accept the meeting-house offered by the proprietors, and to assume all the liabilities and duties of the latter.

The next day the new meeting-house was dedicated with the following services : —

Reading of Scriptures, by Reverend Elijah Kellogg, then on a missionary tour; prayer, by Reverend Daniel Sewall; sermon, by Reverend J. W. Chickering; address to the church, by Reverend George E. Adams; prayer, by Reverend Mr. Parsons.

At a meeting of the church on November 12, it was voted:—

“That the *Centre Congregational Church* in Harpswell would tender their united thanks to the individuals in Bath, Freeport, Brunswick, and High Street Church, Portland, for their liberal donations to assist them in the erection of a house of worship; also to the Widow D. Dunlap, for the liberal present of a sofa; to the president and professors of Bowdoin College, for their services in supplying the pulpit; and to Professor Upham, for his unwearied exertions in our behalf.”

[1844.] On April 25, 1844, the church voted, in concurrence with the parish, to extend an invitation to Reverend Elijah Kellogg to settle as their pastor for three hundred dollars per year, for four years. This invitation was accepted, and was subsequently renewed for an indefinite period.

[1847.] At a parish meeting, held November 1, this year, it was decided that Mr. Kellogg might go “to Orr’s Island the coming winter, and preach three Sabbaths, if he see fit.”

The church records are wanting entirely between the years 1844 and 1855, and from the latter date down to 1870 they contain only the admissions to church fellowship and lists of those baptized.

[1854.] In 1854, Mr. Kellogg gave up the immediate charge of the parish, in order to devote more time to literary pursuits, but his pastoral connection with the church has never been dissolved.

[1866.] At a meeting of the parish, held April 28 of this year, three hundred dollars was raised for repairing and painting the meeting-house.

[1870.] At a church meeting held on the twenty-eighth of August, it was voted that the thanks of the church “be hereby given to Honorable A. D. Lockwood, of Lewiston, for a highly valued, beautiful communion service, generously presented by him for our use. And our prayer is that the Great Head of the church will accept the act as done to himself, and bountifully reward the giver.” On September 24 a church meeting was held on Orr’s Island, the first one mentioned in the records as being held on that island.

[1874.] At a meeting of the parish, held April 23, 1874, it was voted to allow the sewing circle “to enlarge the stove-rooms by taking in the pews in front of each.” The latest entry in these records is dated the sixth of the following September, at which time Paul C. Randall was chosen a deacon.



There has been no settled minister over this parish since Mr. Kellogg left, but the pulpit is supplied a good part of the time, and nearly every summer, by Mr. Kellogg himself, who makes Harpswell the place of his summer residence.

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

The introduction of Methodism into Harpswell dates back only to 1854, although as early as 1814 Fathers Lombard and Bennett, and perhaps others, had preached in town.

[1854.] In May, 1854, Reverend George C. Crawford, of Brunswick, was, at the solicitation of a number of people of West Harpswell, appointed to that field of labor. At that time there was not a member of the Methodist church on Harpswell Neck, with the exception of Sidney Bailey and wife. Mr. Crawford commenced his labors about the first of June, holding the meetings in the school-house near Mr. Simeon Webber's. On the third Sabbath of his ministry here, he read in public the "Doctrines, Discipline, and General Rules" of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A small "class" was then formed, consisting of Captain Norton Stover, Nathaniel Pinkham and wife, and Sidney Bailey and wife. A few weeks later Mr. William Gillam and wife, then of Orr's Island, joined. After two or three meetings it was decided to build a church at once. A suitable lot was secured in a central location. Captain Stover was chosen an agent to purchase lumber and other material; and W. W. Douglass, of Brunswick, was chosen to superintend the erection of the building.

[1855.] The work was hastened, and in less than one year from the time of the first meeting in the school-house, a beautiful and graceful chapel was dedicated. On the day of dedication people flocked to town from all directions, and Reverend William F. Farrington, then of Portland, delivered the dedicatory address from the words, "Searching what, or what manner of time, the spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow." The sale of pews took place in the afternoon of the same day. The society is largely indebted to Captain Norton Stover and Nathaniel Pinkham, who assumed the entire financial responsibility in the erection of the church.

At the Conference of 1855 Reverend Heman Nickerson was appointed to succeed Mr. Crawford. He was succeeded by Reverend Mr. Russell. Then followed, in succession, Reverends N. Andrews, John Collins, H. B. Mitchell, Alpha Turner, George C. Crawford (a

second time), J. C. Perry, H. Briggs, Thomas Hillman, N. C. Clifford, D. Dudley, N. Andrews (a second time), and M. C. Baldwin. Under these preachers there were several revivals and a large number were added to the church. The society is now in a flourishing condition, and is composed in a large part of the wealth, intelligence, and refinement of that section of the town.

## CHAPTER XV.

## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY OF BRUNSWICK.

BRUNSWICK, the seat of Maine's oldest and most favored college, has generally shown herself fully mindful of the claims of education. So far, however, as the early introduction of schools is concerned, no especial credit attaches itself to the early settlers, who simply acted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, and had, indeed, before the incorporation of the town, no volition in the matter. In all probability it has been well for the town that the establishment of schools was not left to the discretion of the earlier settlers; for they were, with a few notable exceptions, extremely ignorant as to all knowledge usually acquired from books. As an illustration of the average attainments of the time, it is related of Thomas Atkins, one of the earliest settlers in this vicinity, that he had ten daughters, of whom not one could sign her name to a deed.<sup>1</sup> Even so late as Judge Minot's time it was considered a rare accomplishment for one to be able to read, and it is given as a tradition among his descendants that on one occasion, when he had received a newspaper at the village, he stopped on his way home and read from it to some workmen on the road, who were greatly astonished that the judge should be able to read. The judge was not, however, the only man hereabouts at that time who could read, for there were then a number of educated people in town, one of whom (Thomas Skolfield) was a graduate of Dublin University.

Ample excuse is to be found for the neglect of the earlier settlers to provide means for education in the fact that they were few in numbers, constantly exposed to the incursions of a savage foe, and were obliged to till other fields than those of an intellectual kind, — to break up the rough soil of the wilderness, and raise the scanty crops absolutely required for their physical existence. It is simply another example of the fact that, in the order of time, physical must precede mental activity.

The first action looking to the establishment of a school in Bruns-

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<sup>1</sup> *Reverend Dr. Ballard's Notes.*



wick was in the year 1715, at which time the Pejepscot proprietors voted that the ministerial, minister's, and school lots should be the centre lots of the town.<sup>1</sup>

In 1717 provision was made by the General Court of Massachusetts for a school-master to reside at Brunswick, and fifty dollars was voted for books and rewards for the young *Indians* who might become his pupils.<sup>2</sup> This school was a part of the mission to the Indians. Who was sent as teacher has not been ascertained.

At the November session of the Court of General Sessions this year, Benjamin Larrabee, Esquire, appeared in behalf of the town of Brunswick, to answer to the "presentment of the town for not having and maintaining a school-master in said town to teach children and youth to read and write as the law directs and requires." Larrabee's excuse for the delinquency was accepted, but the town was required to pay sixteen shillings, the fees of court.

At a meeting held February 23, 1743, the proprietors voted:—

"That Lott number six on the southeasterly side of the Road adjoining to the Ministry Lott be and hereby is granted to the Town of Brunswick for a school Lott containing one hundred acres, to be and Continue for said use."<sup>3</sup>

At a town meeting in 1739, a proposition to employ a school-master was "voted for and past in the negative," but the town afterwards reconsidered its action, and at a meeting in September chose a committee to secure the service of a school-master.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The first school-teacher employed by the town was James McCashlen, who was employed in the year 1740, and was paid £40<sup>4</sup> for his services. In 1741 it appears from a statement in the Pejepscot Papers that Reverend Mr McClanethan taught a school here.

In 1742 a committee was appointed by the town to secure the services of a school-master, and they were authorized "to appoint him the time and places for keeping the Schoole in the Sevelar partes of the Town as they shall Think proper." Samuel Maffitt was selected as a teacher, and received £17 10s. as his pay, but the length of time he taught is not stated.<sup>5</sup>

About the year 1752, Mr. George Harwood was employed to teach by the year.<sup>6</sup> In order to give equal privileges of schooling to all, he

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*    <sup>2</sup> *Varney, History of Maine*, p. 123.

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>4</sup> *Town Records* 1, pp. 23, 49, 50, 51.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

taught in three different parts of the town, — at the upper part of New Meadows, at the old west meeting house, and at lower New Meadows.

In 1753 a committee was chosen to secure a school-master at the rate of £220 old tenor. In 1754 another committee was raised for the same purpose, and £13 6s. 8d. voted for the salary. The committee were instructed to station the teacher in the several parts of the town, according to the amount paid by each part.

In 1755 the same amount was paid as salary, with the board additional. This year John Blake was employed as a school-master for six months from November 5. His engagement was probably not renewed, as the town in May, 1756, authorized the selectmen “to provide a school-master when they see the times to be convenient.”

In 1759, John Farrin was employed as a teacher, the town paying him at the rate of £26 13s. 4d. per annum. He was re-engaged the next year at the same salary, and continued to teach until October 1, 1761, when his time expired. He is known to have taught again in 1776, because he that year gave the town £15 6s. 8d. of his salary, in consequence of the public distresses and the burdensome taxes. Whether he taught between 1761 and 1776 is not known, but it is to be presumed that he did.

In 1762 the town was virtually divided into two districts, by the employment of separate teachers for the eastern and western parts. Probably Mr. Farrin was one of the teachers employed.

In 1763, George Harwood was chosen as school-master, by vote of the town, “if he accepts of the same.” He did accept, for in 1767 he was paid for four years’ teaching.

In 1790 the town was, for the first time, legally divided into school districts, a committee being chosen at a regular meeting to divide the town into two districts.

In 1797 a vote was passed by the town, “that the school money be divided in future according to the number of scholars in each class,<sup>1</sup> the scholars to be numbered, all between four and twenty-one years of age, but if any others in any class are disposed to go, he or she shall have a right to do so, whether they are over or under the above age.”

In 1798 the town voted, for the first time, to choose a school committee, and the selectmen were chosen to act in that capacity. The town also voted that no person should be allowed to teach in any district without the approbation of the committee.

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<sup>1</sup> *Districts were then called classes.*

Previously to this time the red school-house at the foot of the mall was built.<sup>1</sup> It was afterwards moved to the Cove. Who the other teachers may have been, besides those already named, prior to 1800, is unknown. Mr. Richard Flaherty is mentioned as having taught here some time in the last century, but neither the date of his teaching is known, nor whether his school was a public or private one.

In 1810 the town was divided into nine school districts. About this time Mr. Dorman Perkins taught in the district schools of the town. He kept a school one term in Benjamin Larrabee's house, at New Meadows, near where Mrs. Thomas now lives. He kept school another term in the upper New Meadows district, and another term at Maquoit.

In 1820, if not before, the number of districts must have been increased, as there were this year twenty-three public or district schools.<sup>2</sup>

In 1820 the school committee were directed to report at the annual town meeting the names of two scholars "from each class, one boy and one girl, that shall have made best improvement and sustained good moral characters."

On November 29, 1824, the greater portion of the "school lot" was sold at auction. This was the origin of the school fund. A. Bourne, the auctioneer, was the chairman of the trustees of the school fund. The remainder of the school lot was sold in 1833.

At a town meeting, held in March, 1826, a petition of Benjamin Peterson and others, "that this town set off the colored people of School District Number 14, into a district by themselves," was referred to the selectmen. This district was at New Meadows, where there were quite a number of negroes, and the white citizens of that district had then the same feeling in regard to commingling with those of a darker race that is even now prevalent in some quarters. At another meeting, held on the eleventh of September following, the town voted that the money for District Number 14 should be divided, the white people to have a school summer and winter, and the colored population to have a school at the other seasons. The division of money was to be made according to the proportion of scholars in the separate schools.

Of the different districts of the town we have succeeded in obtaining the records of but two, viz., of District Number 5 (Growstown) and of the Village District.

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<sup>1</sup> The red school-house on School Street was of a later date.

<sup>2</sup> Putnam, "Letters to a Gentleman in South Carolina."



The records of District Number 5 commence February 11, 1817. At this meeting a district school committee were chosen to superintend the school, and it was voted to have the school-mistress "board round."

In 1839 the district committee were instructed to visit the school every four weeks, and were to have three dollars each for their services if they attended to their duty.

On January 29, 1848, the district decided to build a new school-house, to be located "at the corner of the road on land owned by James Otis and occupied by E. T. Parsons, on the north side of the road leading by said Parsons's house; with the understanding that it be given gratis." Stephen Snow, George Woodside, and Harvey S. Otis were chosen a building committee, and at a meeting held the next month, it was voted to give them discretionary power to build a suitable school-house and to dispose of the old one.

On January 25, 1849, a new committee was chosen, and the building of a school-house was set up at auction to the lowest bidder, the old house to be given to the successful bidder, "except the stove and funnel." James Otis agreed to build it for two hundred and fifty dollars, and the district voted to raise two hundred. The school-house was built this year.

On April 11, 1857, the district voted to admit pupils from other districts, at the discretion of the agent, "at twenty-five cents per week and board of teacher a proportionate part of the time." This permission appears not to have worked well, or to have given dissatisfaction, for two years later the district voted not to admit pupils from other districts on any consideration.

The following are the early teachers in this district so far as known: Mary Noyes, Mary Merryman, and James McKeen, in 1814; Priscilla Melcher and John Winslow, in 1815; Margaret Ransom and John Winslow, in 1816; Deborah Small and Benjamin Thompson, in 1817; Mary Snow, in 1818; Mary Stanwood and Benjamin Thompson, in 1819.

#### THE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.<sup>1</sup>

Brunswick village was formerly divided into three school districts, known as Numbers "1, 2, and 20." In the winter of 1848 several informal meetings of the inhabitants of the village were held, to take into consideration the condition of the village schools.

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<sup>1</sup> For this account we are largely indebted to MSS. of the late A. C. Robbins, Esquire, from which we have copied freely.

A committee was appointed to collect information upon the subject of schools in other places, and to see what could be done for the improvement of the public schools in the village.

This committee proposed the plan of uniting Districts Numbers 1, 2, and 20 into one district, to be called the Village District, for the purpose of grading and classifying the schools, and of adopting the "high-school system."

On March 24, 1848, Benjamin H. Meder and fifteen others petitioned the selectmen to insert in their next annual warrant for a town meeting an article to so alter the school districts that Districts Numbers 1, 2, and 20 should constitute one district.

About the same time John C. Humphreys and Leonard C. Merrill presented to the selectmen a similar petition, except that it contained in addition the words "provided such shall be the wish of said districts respectively."

In the warrant for the annual town meeting, April 3, 1848, an article was inserted in accordance with the latter petition, and the town at that meeting voted: "That School Districts Numbers 1, 2, and 20 be discontinued and to be constituted one district, to be called the Village District, *provided* such shall be the wish of the several districts respectively."

At a meeting of the legal voters of *District Number 1*, on April 24, 1848, a committee of five were chosen to take measures for building a new school-house. This committee were Allen Colby, Ward Coburn, John Rogers, William H. Hall, and Benjamin H. Meder. It was also at this meeting voted: "To join District Number 1 and District Number 20, to form a High School." The meeting adjourned to May 6, at which time the district proceeded to act on sundry matters as though no vote to join the other district had been passed. The following votes were passed: 1. To accept the report of the committee, which was in favor of building a school-house on Bow Street, to be two stories high. 2. To choose a prudential committee of three. 3. To raise three hundred dollars by tax towards building a school-house. 4. To pay the agent and clerk each five dollars. 5, 6. To compel the children of the district, who were between the ages of four and fourteen years, to go to the summer school, and to forbid those between the ages of four and ten years to attend the winter school. 7. To require pupils between the ages of ten and twenty-one years to go to the school kept by a male teacher. This was the last meeting ever held by *District Number 1*.

The legal voters of *District Number 2* held a meeting at the red

school-house, on School Street, previously referred to, on April 22, 1848. This meeting was adjourned to May 6, at which time a committee, consisting of G. C. Swallow, A. C. Robbins, William Mountford, Thomas Knowlton, and E. S. Parshley, were chosen to obtain information in regard to the high-school system, and to report at a subsequent meeting. The next meeting of this district was held June 24. The committee reported in favor of the adoption of the high-school system, and it was voted "that the district concur with Districts Numbers 1 and 20 in adopting the system and in the formation of a Village District, agreeable to the petition of Benjamin Furbish and others and a vote of the town." G. C. Swallow, George F. Dunning, A. C. Robbins, John F. Titcomb, and John S. Cushing were chosen a committee to confer with Districts Numbers 1 and 20.

At a special meeting of *District Number 20*, held June 24, 1848, it was voted "to unite with School Districts Numbers 1 and 2 for the formation of the Village District." The district also chose Professor H. H. Boody, Charles J. Noyes, and Robert Melcher a committee to confer with the committees chosen by Districts Numbers 1 and 2, and they were authorized and empowered to adopt such measures as might be necessary on the part of the district, "to bring the object of said preceding vote into full and complete effect."

On June 20, 1848, a petition was sent to the legislature, stating that the three above-mentioned districts had united and formed one district, with the consent of the town, and requesting the passage of an Act confirming the action of the town "and giving to said district power to raise annually such sum of money as may be needed for the support of the public schools therein." This petition was signed by Abner B. Thompson and nineteen others in District Number 1, by Robert P. Dunlap and thirty-five others in District Number 2, and by Parker Cleaveland and twenty-three others in District Number 20.

In accordance with this petition the legislature, the same year, passed an Act confirming the vote of the town, and granting to the Village District all the powers and privileges of other districts in the State; authorizing the district to raise such sum of money as might be deemed necessary for support of the public schools within the district, the amount so raised not to exceed "three fifths of the amount apportioned to said district from the school money raised by the town for the same year"; requiring this money to be assessed and collected as other school-district taxes were; and authorizing the district to choose school agents and adopt proper by-laws.

Immediately after the passage of the preceding Act, measures were



taken for the organization of the Village District. A meeting of the inhabitants of the three districts in the village was called by the selectmen, to be held on August 18, 1848. At this meeting a committee of seven were appointed to draft a plan of organization. To this committee were added the superintending school committee of the town, making a committee of ten. This committee reported, at a meeting held August 20, as follows: In favor of the annual election of a board of nine agents, three of whom might be from each of the former sections of the district, and this board were also authorized to act as an executive committee, and to prescribe a course of study and determine the text-books to be used; to examine teachers; to visit the schools; to conduct examinations; to promote deserving scholars; to admit pupils from without the district; and to establish by-laws. The committee also recommended that there should be three grades of schools, — primary, grammar, and high; determined which should be taught by male and which by female teachers; fixed the commencement and close of the several terms and vacations; prescribed the classification and course of studies for each school, and the requirements at examinations and for admission to school.

This report was accepted at this meeting and its recommendations approved and authorized to be put into execution, though they were afterwards (April 17 and May 8, 1849) somewhat modified.

The Board of Agents made a report, September 27, 1848, in which they recommended the purchase of a lot on Union Street, between O'Brien and Lincoln Streets, for the erection of a grammar and high school building, the renting and furnishing of rooms for these schools until such a building should be erected, and the enlargement and repair of the primary school-houses.

In their next report, this board state that all the schools had been organized according to the plan agreed upon. During the winter of 1848-9, four primary and two grammar schools had been taught, the average length of each being fifteen weeks. The number of teachers employed was eleven; eight in the primary schools, two in the principal grammar school, and one in the select grammar school. This was five more teachers than had been usually employed in previous years. The number of pupils at this time in the primary schools was four hundred and forty-six; the number in the principal grammar school was one hundred and twenty-five, and in the select grammar school, forty-six. The total number of pupils in the village schools was six hundred and seventeen.

As the number of scholars very much exceeded what had been anti-

icipated, the committee had been under the necessity of establishing a fourth primary school on Union Street. The select grammar school was a temporary expedient made use of at this time, on account of the number of pupils really fitted to enter a high school being too small to justify the immediate establishment of such a school.

Some fault having been found with the result of the examinations, the board in this report explained their method of conducting them, and defended their action in the matter.

The total receipts for the village schools this year were \$1,204.49. Of this sum, \$1,137.09 was expended for rent and repair of school-houses, payment of teachers, and incidental expenses, leaving a balance unexpended of sixty-seven dollars and forty cents. If from these expenditures the unusual expense of rent, repairs, etc., be deducted, there remains a sum less by twenty dollars than that expended for the three winter schools of the previous year, which demonstrated the advantage of the system in a financial aspect.

The agents urged strongly the necessity of providing suitable accommodations for the high and for the principal grammar school. They say, "By next September, at least one hundred and forty scholars will be entitled to a place in the grammar school, — a number which it is totally impossible to accommodate in any room in the village of which the committee have knowledge."

In concluding this report the board congratulated the district "on the *successful* introduction of a new and better system of schools."

In their report for the year ending April 2, 1849, the superintending school committee also speak of the very decided improvement in the schools, in consequence of the adoption of the grading system and of a uniformity of school-books.

The Board of Agents, in their report for the year 1849-50, make the following statements:—

In the summer there were two grammar and four primary schools kept; in the fall and winter, two grammar, three primary, and one miscellaneous school. The number of teachers during the year was, in the summer, ten, — one male and nine females. The school year was thirty weeks, divided into three terms of ten weeks each. In the summer term there were five hundred and sixty-seven, and in the fall and winter terms five hundred and seventy-three pupils.

At the beginning of the year there were not enough children sufficiently advanced in their studies to enable the agents to constitute the high school with all its appropriate classes. No high school was established, therefore, but the pupils were taught in the grammar

school. The time had then arrived, however, in their opinion, for establishing the school.

They affirm, "without fear of contradiction, that never has there been in this village schools, public or private, of so high an order as the schools of this district the last year."

The committee also stated that they had contracted with teachers, and conducted the schools on the assumption that the additional tax levied by the district would be paid promptly. A part only of this tax had thus far been collected, and the most of this had been paid to cancel a note of the district, and that in consequence the teachers had not been paid for their last term's service. They stated that most of the citizens had favored, or at least acquiesced in, the change in the school system, but all had not. "On the part of some, there is an avowed hostility to this system, which will not be satisfied with anything short of its entire overthrow."

The committee stated that this hostility was exhibited the previous summer in an effort to procure from the legislature a repeal of the Act of Incorporation of the Village District. Failing in this, they refused to pay the tax levied by the district, on the pretext that the district had not been legally constituted, and that the power granted to it in its Act of Incorporation was in violation of the Constitution. The committee added that this objection came with bad grace from those who signed the petition for incorporation. They considered the matter practically settled by the action of the legislature, but were ready to meet the matter at once before the Supreme Court. In accordance with a vote of the district they had taken legal advice, which was that the collector should be asked to proceed at once in the collection of these taxes and that he should be supported therein by the whole strength of the district.

The petition to the legislature, to which reference was made above, was signed by John Crawford and one hundred and four others, and declared that the plan of uniting the schools into one district had proved a failure, and therefore a repeal of the Act was prayed for. This petition was first referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was subsequently laid before the Committee on Education. Seventeen of the signers were petitioners for the Act of Incorporation of the Village District.

As soon as it was known that the above petition was in circulation, a remonstrance against a repeal was at once started. It was signed by Robert P. Dunlap, Adam Lemont, and two hundred and twenty-one others.



One of the positions taken by the opponents to the Village District was that District Number 1 never intended to unite and form with Districts Number 2 and 20 a *Village District*, and that they did not acquiesce in the matter. In refutation of this argument, Messrs. Isaac Lincoln, William H. Hall, and Alfred J. Stone deposed, June 8, 1850, "that since the organization of the Village District in Brunswick, in the summer of 1848, District Number 1 has claimed to have no legal existence, nor has the said District Number 1, since that time, performed any acts as a district, but has united with Districts Numbers 2 and 20 in the formation of the Village District.

"No public schools have been taught in what was District Number 1 since the summer of 1848 up to this date, excepting the schools which were under the control and supervision of the agents of the Village District, to which schools the people in the part of the Village District which was formerly District Number 1 have cheerfully sent their children for instruction, and have received their full share of benefit therefrom."

The truth in regard to the feeling in this district is shown by the following facts, which were certified to by John F. Hall, the last clerk of the district: Of the voters in District Number 1, *twenty* petitioned for the Act of Incorporation of the Village District, *thirty-five* petitioned for the repeal of the Act, and *sixty-seven* remonstrated against a repeal.

To show that the selectmen recognized the Village District as having an existence in November, 1848, the following certificate was written:—

"SELECTMEN'S OFFICE, BRUNSWICK, June 7, 1850.

"On the seventeenth of November, 1848, I was called upon by A. C. Robbins, one of the Board of Agents for the Village District, for that year. At his request I balanced the accounts with School Districts Numbers 1, 2, and 20, and carried the balances forward to the credit of the Village District. At that time there was due to District Number 1, \$381.03; to District Number 2, \$319.08; to District Number 20, \$179.40. All which balances were credited to the Village District in Brunswick, since which time we have had no accounts with Districts Numbers 1, 2, and 20: the money formerly due to them being credited to the Village District in Brunswick.

"(Signed)

"RICHARD GREENLEAF,  
Chairman of Selectmen."

In July, 1849, the president and directors of the Warumbo Manufacturing Company petitioned the legislature "that the said company may be exempted from the payment of the taxes by special legislation

imposed upon them, or that if they must be specially taxed for such objects *beyond the general provisions of law*, that the avails may go to the benefit of the whole town in which their property is situated."

Among the reasons given for asking for this exemption was that, in the passage of the Act, the corporation had no agency nor *notice*. It was true that they had no notice, as a corporation, but the company were represented in the petition for incorporation by their treasurer and one of their directors.

The petition for the repeal of the Act of Incorporation, the petition of the Warumbo Manufacturing Company, and the remonstrance, were all laid before the Committee on Education. On an appointed day the petitioners appeared, and were heard by their counsel, General A. B. Thompson and Honorable James W. Bradbury. The remonstrants were heard by their representatives, Professor William Smyth and Phineas Barnes, Esquire, of Portland. Richard Greenleaf, Esquire, appeared as a witness for the petitioners.

After the somewhat protracted hearing, the committee of nine, all of whom were present, voted eight to one to give the petitioners leave to withdraw. On July 20, 1849, this report of the committee passed both houses of the legislature without a dissenting vote.

At the annual town meetings in 1848, 1849, and 1850, it was voted: "That the several school districts be authorized to choose their several school agents."

The foregoing account relates to the *organization* of the Village District. What follows will relate to the doings of this district.

At a meeting of the Village District, held on the twenty-seventh of September, 1848, the Board of Agents were authorized to borrow such sums of money as might be needed from time to time for the expenditures already authorized, not to exceed \$5,000. At the annual meeting of the district in 1849, it was voted "to raise three fifths of the amount of money raised by the town, apportioned to this district by a tax on the same." This vote was passed under the law of August 3, 1848.

Under the first vote, and by the authority therein given, the Board of Agents hired the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purpose of altering and repairing the primary school-houses, and gave their note for the district.

This loan of three hundred and twenty-five dollars, together with the amount raised by vote of the district, April 17, 1849, was certified to the selectmen and assessors, and at the annual assessment in 1849 the assessors made one tax for both items.

The Board of Agents for the year 1849 were William Smyth, John C. Humphreys, Allen Colby, Benjamin Furbish, and Richard Greenleaf. They put the schools in operation, basing their expenditures and calculations upon the supposition that the extra tax of three fifths, voted in April, 1849, would be paid.

Early in the spring of 1850 it was ascertained that very many of the large tax-payers had declined and absolutely refused to pay the extra school-tax. The consequence was that the district was largely indebted to school-teachers, and had no means of paying their claims so long as the extra tax was withheld. A meeting of the district was held March 7, 1850, at which the following resolution was passed:—

“Whereas certain individuals in the district have declined the payment of their taxes upon the ground that the law under which the tax is levied is unconstitutional. Therefore, Resolved that the Board of Agents be instructed by this meeting to procure such legal advice as they may deem expedient and take such measures as may in the speediest manner test the constitutionality of said law and secure the collection of the taxes.”

At the annual meeting in April, 1850, the following vote was passed:—

“*Voted*, that the town collector be requested at once to collect the taxes remaining unpaid, by distraint or otherwise, and that the district will indemnify him in the same.”

This vote of the district was formally certified to the collector, yet he declined doing anything towards the collection of the extra tax.

The Board of Agents for the year 1850 found themselves very unpleasantly situated. The district was largely indebted to teachers. The larger part of the extra tax was uncollected, and the collector refused to perform his duty. At a meeting of the board, May 7, 1850, the following vote was passed, all being present:—

“Whereas Stephen Snow, the collector of the town of Brunswick to whom was committed a certain tax, assessed upon the inhabitants of the Village District in said town, by the proper authorities of said town, raising money for the support of schools in said Village District, has collected and paid over a part of said tax and neglects and refuses to collect and pay over the balance of said tax, the time mentioned in his warrant of commitment having expired some time ago, therefore: *Voted*, that John C. Humphreys be a committee to call upon the treasurer of the town of Brunswick and inform him of the neglect and refusal of Stephen Snow, the collector, to proceed in the collection of the taxes, and request the treasurer to issue his war-



rant against the said Stephen Snow, collector, agreeably to the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Chapter 14, Section 111, as the contingency has occurred which makes it the duty of the treasurer to issue his warrant against the collector for neglect of duty."

Mr. Humphreys reported that he called upon the treasurer May 11, 1850, and handed him a copy of the vote, after reading which he returned an answer that he would see the collector the first of the week and see what could be done about it.

At a meeting of the Board of Agents, May 7, 1850, the following vote was passed:—

"Voted, that A. C. Robbins be a committee to obtain legal advice as to certain points affecting the welfare of this district, and which are now in dispute between the friends and opposers of the schools."

Under this vote Mr. Robbins made a statement of all the facts in the case and laid it before Phineas Barnes, Esquire, and Honorable William Pitt Fessenden, of Portland, and received a written opinion from them in reply. Amongst other things they say, "No particular form of *assent* is specified in the vote, and the law regards *substance* rather than form. . . . If therefore the several proceedings in voting, certifying, and assessing the taxes, and their commitment to the collector, were correct and legal (all which we have taken for granted), we have no doubt that it is the collector's duty, and still remaining so, to collect these taxes, according to his warrant. The warrant constitutes both his authority and his protection." If he neglects, they say the treasurer should be requested to issue his warrant against him; and if the treasurer neglects or refuses to do so, the proper remedy is to apply to the Supreme Judicial Court for a writ of *mandamus*.

May 23, 1850, the treasurer of the town gave to the Board of Agents a written refusal to issue his warrant against the collector, as requested by them.

On the same date, the Board of Agents gave an order to Augustus I. Owen, one of the teachers, upon the treasurer of Brunswick.

The latter indorsed upon this order the following:—

"The subscriber declines paying the within, there being no funds in his hands subject to the order of the treasurer of the Village District."

On account of this action of the treasurer, the Board of Agents gave Mr. Owen an order on the selectmen, on which the latter indorsed the following:—

"The selectmen of Brunswick decline paying or accepting the above order for the reason that the district has already received its full

proportion of school money raised by the town, and that the amount raised by extra taxation in the district has not been collected and is not therefore subject to their order."

May 25, 1850, William Smyth, Robert P. Dunlap, John C. Humphreys, Augustus C. Robbins, and Leonard Townsend, the Board of Agents, petitioned the Supreme Court at the session to be held at Paris, Maine, on the last Tuesday of the month, for a writ of mandamus against the treasurer. They showed in their petition all the facts given in the preceding pages.

Upon the foregoing petition, the affidavits in support thereof, by the petitioners, having been heard and considered by the court, it was, on the May term, 1850,

"Ordered, That a rule be issued to the said John F. Titcomb, treasurer of the town of Brunswick, requiring him to show cause, if any he have, why he has neglected and refused to issue his warrant of distress against the said Stephen Snow, named in said petition, and why a writ of mandamus should not be granted by the court, commanding him to issue such warrant of distress according to law; at the term of this court to be holden at Norridgewock, within and for our county of Somerset, on the second Tuesday of June, 1850, on the third day of the term, and that the petitioners give notice thereof to the said John F. Titcomb by causing an attested copy of this petition and of this order thereon, to be served upon him fourteen days at least before the said third day of the term of the court to be holden at Norridgewock aforesaid."

At the court held in Norridgewock, the petitioners appeared by their counsel, Phineas Barnes, Esquire, and the respondents appeared by John S. Abbot, Esquire. The respondents asked for a continuance, which was opposed by the petitioners. It was finally agreed between the parties that the case should be continued to the term of the court to be held at Belfast on the fourth Tuesday of July, 1850. It was also agreed that a hearing then and there should be had, and that the respondent should furnish the petitioners with an attested copy of his answer, fourteen days before the sitting of said court.

At the court held in Belfast no witnesses were introduced by either party. The petitioners put into the case the documents already mentioned. General Samuel Fessenden, of Portland, appeared for the respondents, and Phineas Barnes, Esquire, for the petitioners.

In his answer to the petition of the Board of Agents for a writ of mandamus, the treasurer gave the following reasons for refusing to issue his warrant of distress against the collector:—

1. That the Act of Incorporation of the Village District was unconstitutional, on account of its allowing them to raise money additional to that raised by the town.

2. That the district was not legally constituted: (a) because the several districts had not voted to form a Village District, but only to unite for a "high-school system"; (b) because the old districts had never been discontinued; (c) because the meetings had not been legal; (d) because the vote of the town was illegal; (e) because the Act of legislature was subsequent to the action of the town, which was itself conditional on an act of the district which it had no right to delegate to them the power to do; (f) because the legislature has no right to create a school district by direct legislation.

3. That the assessment of the tax by the district was illegal: (a) because there is no constitutional authority for the legislature to create a corporation of any kind, *compelling* individuals to become members thereof, and *subject to taxation* against their will, except in the case of the formation of a town; (b) because the assessors had never had any official notice that the conditions of the town had been complied with, and the district legally formed; (c) because the money assessed by the assessors was never raised by a legal vote of the district; the vote not only authorized the purchase of land and the erecting of a school-house (which would be legal), but also authorized the enlargement and repair of the old school-houses, and the renting and furnishing of rooms for the use of schools, and the whole was embraced in one vote, contrary to the law providing the way in which "incidental expenses" should be paid; that the money was neither *borrowed* nor *expended* for purposes for which a school district is authorized by law to borrow money; (d) because the several certificates and copies provided by law, to be given by the officers of the school district to the assessors, treasurer, and clerk, of the town, were not duly certified, filed, and recorded, as required by law; that no certificate of the vote of the district, authorizing the borrowing of money, was ever certified by the clerk thereof to the above officers; (e) that if the legislature has power to authorize school districts to raise money, such power cannot be given to a single district, but should be granted by a general law operating throughout the State; (f) that a school district is not such an organized body, nor has such interest as to enforce the collection, by a *town* collector, of a tax by mandamus, — the treasurer being the officer of the town and not of any school district.

Allen Colby, William H. Hall, and Benjamin H. Meder, in behalf



of the petitioners, made depositions, July 18, 1850, to the following effect: —

1. That they resided in the district.

2. That they had never known any persons claiming a separate organization as *District Number 1* subsequent to the formation of the *Village District*.

3. That they had never known of any public school kept in *District Number 1*, except what was under the authority of the Board of Agents of the *Village District*.

4. That the vote passed at the annual meeting of *District Number 1*, April 24, 1848, *did contemplate* the throwing up of the old organization and the formation of a new district.

6. That they never heard the plan of a high school spoken of at that or any other meeting of the district, except in connection with the formation of a *Village District*.

8. That they would have known if there had been any schools kept out of the public funds in that territory, other than those kept under the authority of the agents of the *Village District*.

9. That after the organization of the *Village District*, the people in what was formerly *District Number 1* sent their children to the schools of the *Village District*.

The committee on accounts, in their report for 1850, under the "Treasurer's Account," give the amount received from the agents of the *Village District*, thus recognizing its existence.

The school committee, in 1850, recognized the district in their report and spoke of the manifest improvement of the schools therein.

Judge Howard, in ordering the issue of a writ of mandamus, made an exhaustive review of all the questions raised upon either side and fully sustained the Board of Agents in every material point, though he pointed out some errors made by them. Thus ended one of the most important lawsuits to which the village of Brunswick has ever been a party, and both sides in the suit deserve credit for persisting in bringing to a legal settlement questions of such momentous importance to the welfare of the town and to the interest of education in general.<sup>1</sup>

This opinion was delivered by the judge, March 1, 1851, and was received in Brunswick the same day. A meeting of the *Village District* was called on the nineteenth of the month. At this meeting Professor William Smyth made a report in behalf of the Building Committee. In this report a recapitulation was given of the *needs* of

<sup>1</sup> For the full account of this trial, see *Smith v. Titcomb*, 31 Me. 272.

the district in regard to school-houses, and of the *votes*. He reported that the Building Committee and Board of Agents had selected the lot of Miss Narcissa Stone, on the corner of Federal and Green Streets, and that he had been empowered by a vote of each committee separately to purchase the lot. This he had done at a price of \$1,000, payment to be made in five equal annual instalments, with interest at six per cent. Possession was obtained June 1, 1851.

The committee had then turned their attention to the erection of a building upon this lot, but in the mean time it had been found that a portion of the tax-payers had positively refused to pay the taxes still due from them. The Building Committee had no alternative but to stay proceedings, and await the decision of the Supreme Court. After that decision had been given they at once resumed their labors and contracted at once for the brick and stone necessary for the erection of the building, and they were being at that time deposited upon the lot.

The report stated that the Board of Agents had been very much embarrassed by the want of suitable accommodations for the schools. They had been obliged to break up classes, separate the boys from the girls, and virtually to return to the confusion and inefficiency of the old system.

On April 19, 1851, William Smyth, chairman of the Board of Agents, made a report of which the following is a synopsis:—

He stated that the committee had been greatly embarrassed by want of accommodations and by the lawsuit. He remarked, those opposed “regarded themselves as maintaining an important constitutional principle and their own just rights.” But the question had now been settled, and all acquiesced in it. The committee recommended that the thanks of the district should be given to their counsel, Phineas Barnes, Esquire, and especially to their colleague, A. C. Robbins, Esquire, “for the untiring effort and distinguished ability with which their case was prepared by him for argument,—services gratuitously rendered indeed, but upon which the success of the district in the late suit, so far, at least, as its legal existence is concerned, is mainly to be attributed.” The report goes on to state that after the termination of the suit, the town collector had collected enough to pay off all the debts of the district, except the fees of the counsel and the expenses connected with the suit.

The report spoke favorably of the schools as a whole, but considered the primary schools as of the chief importance. It recommended the permanent establishment of an apprentices’ school, and stated that the material did not at that time exist for the perfect organization of the

High School. Several suggestions were also made as to the best mode of raising the necessary money for school purposes.

The superintending school committee, in their report for April, 1851, say, "as their deliberate judgment, that at no period has there been so much to commend in the management and success of the village schools or so little to censure.

"In the general interests of education in the village, they think that a manifest advance has been made during the year." They were also of the opinion that the condition of the schools throughout the town would bear a favorable comparison with that of any former year.

The new brick school-house erected for the use of the schools of the Village District was dedicated on Tuesday, December 9, 1851. The services were opened by some remarks from Professor William Smyth. Then followed a somewhat detailed account of the schools for several years previously; by Professor D. R. Goodwin, which was followed by remarks by John S. C. Abbot. After a prayer by Reverend Doctor Adams, remarks were made by Messrs. Adams, Boody, and Smyth, a hymn was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Father Stetson. There was quite an audience present, and the occasion passed off very pleasantly.

In April, 1852, the superintending school committee reported that there were nine hundred school children in the village. They said that "the Village District has been greatly indebted to Mr. E. G. Parshley, who taught a separate school of older pupils of the primary schools, and who were not entitled to enter the grammar schools. About eighty attended this school, who were well taught and kept in admirable discipline. The only compensation Mr. Parshley had for this service was the thanks of the community."

Speaking of these village schools, Mr. John M. Adams, school commissioner for Cumberland County, in his report, published in the spring of 1853, says:—

"This system of graded schools comes as near perfection as any I have ever seen, not excepting even that of Portland, which under the fostering care of a few efficient and devoted friends, chief amongst whom stands Mr. Barnes, has acquired a high and well-merited reputation."

The cost of the brick school-house, as given in the financial report of the Board of Agents in 1853, was \$5,885.44. The cost of the lot, which was \$1,000, is not included. A portion (\$5,000) of this amount was raised by loan, the balance by a direct tax.

In 1852 there were, including the Village District, twenty-six school



districts in town. The whole amount received from all sources for the schools this year was \$3,329.04.

On November 12, 1857, the High School pupils commenced a series of tableaux at their school-room, for the purpose of procuring funds for the purchase of apparatus. They met with good success.

In 1862 the apprentice school, which had been in operation in the winter season since 1851, was kept in the engine-hall on Pleasant Street.

In 1867 the brick school-house on Bath Street was built. The amount of money for schools received from all sources was \$6,782.27.

In September, 1872, the school-house on the corner of Federal and Centre Streets was completed. It contains four rooms, with large halls in both stories.

The condition of the schools in 1876 was as follows: the whole number of schools in town was twenty-three; the number of teachers employed was thirty-one; the total amount of school money received from all sources was \$10,403.08.

It has been found impossible to obtain a list of the number of pupils in Brunswick for each decade since the organization of the first town school, but the number at the different dates mentioned below will give some idea of the rate of increase.

In 1804 the number of pupils was 845; in 1805 it was 875; in 1806 it was 885; in 1825 it was 1,533; in 1826 it was 1,598; in 1829 it was 1,603; and in 1876 it was 1,782. The actual attendance this last year was, however, only 864.

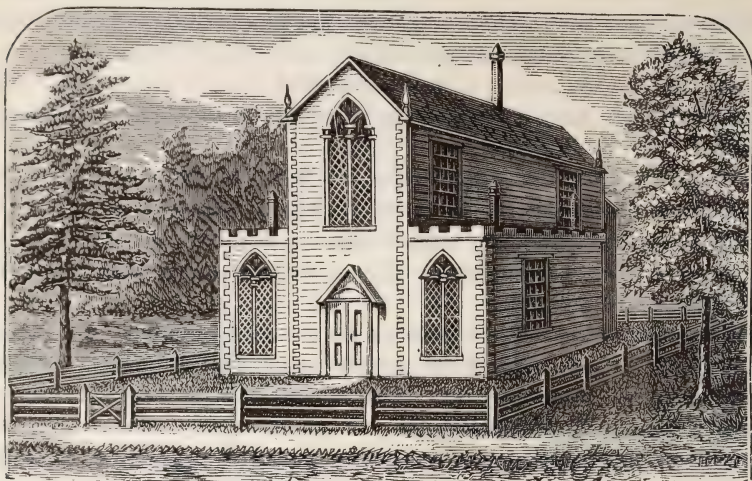
#### ACADEMICAL INSTITUTIONS.

An account of Bowdoin College and the Medical School of Maine might with propriety be given in this connection, but on account of the length of the sketch, as well as for the reason that they are State and not town institutions, a separate chapter will be devoted to them.

The first academical institution which should be mentioned here was the BRUNSWICK ACADEMY.

This was a Gothic structure, which stood on Maine Street directly opposite the southwest corner of the college grounds. It was built by President Allen for a classical school. Mr. William Smyth (afterwards professor) taught it the first quarter, which ended on the eleventh of December, 1824. The second quarter began a week later, and was taught by William Hatch. The building was only used a few terms for a school and was then occupied by college students. Afterwards it was used as a dwelling by Mr. Charles J. Noyes, and

still later it was torn down and rebuilt, and is now occupied as a dwelling.



THE BRUNSWICK ACADEMY.

PLEASANT STREET SEMINARY. — This seminary building was erected in the fall of 1842 or winter of 1843, on the south side of Pleasant Street, a few rods from Maine Street. It was dedicated on the twenty-seventh of March, 1843. An address was delivered by Professor A. S. Packard, and there was singing by a choir under the direction of Mr. Charles J. Noyes. The building was two stories, the upper story being leased for a club-room. The lower floor was the school-room. The first term began on the twentieth of March, 1843, under the instruction of M. B. Bartlett (Bowdoin, class of 1842). Mr. Bartlett is said to have been an excellent teacher, and the school was a good one. Mr. Bartlett conducted the school for about three years, and was succeeded by Mr. Alfred W. Pike, a graduate of Dartmouth College, who was already an experienced teacher. This building was afterwards, in 1843, used by the Episcopalian society as a chapel. It was subsequently removed to Maine Street, and is now occupied as a store by Mr. J. P. Weeman, a few doors north of the post-office.

THE BRUNSWICK SEMINARY was incorporated in 1845, with the design "of establishing an institution, in which the youth of both sexes might receive a *thorough* and *practical* knowledge of those branches of education which pertain especially to the *every-day* business of life; and, also, all those higher branches of a finished

education, which are taught in boarding-schools and the higher seminaries."

In accordance with this design, a commodious building<sup>1</sup> was obtained, with apartments so arranged that the ladies and gentlemen, while they occupied different rooms, had all the advantages of being classed together, of meeting at recitations, lectures, and other general exercises of the school.

The trustees of the school were Honorable Robert P. Dunlap, president; John S. Cushing, Esquire, secretary; Parker Cleaveland, LL. D., treasurer; Leonard Woods, Jr., D. D., General Abner B. Thompson, Reverend George E. Adams, General John C. Humphreys.

The instructors in 1845-6 were G. Clinton Swallow, M. A., principal; Miss Tryphena B. Hinkley, preceptress; Miss Frances E. Stowe, teacher of music on the piano, etc.; Miss Olivia J. Record, teacher of drawing and painting; Albion K. Knight, M. A., teacher of vocal music; Miss Evelina Owen, assistant; Miss Mary B. Hill, Miss Ellen S. Shaw, Mr. John W. Watson, Mr. John S. Fuller, monitors.

During the first year there were one hundred and sixty-nine students, of whom eighty-one were young gentlemen and eighty-eight young ladies.

#### OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

In addition to the seminaries already mentioned there have been many other schools taught in town by private persons, some of which might, perhaps, from their size and the successful manner in which they have been conducted, be justly placed in the foregoing class. They have not been, for the reason that they did not assume any higher name than that simply of a private school.

All of these schools, concerning which we have been able to gain any exact information, will be mentioned under the name of their respective teachers.

Miss EUNICE BUSS came to Brunswick in 1802 as the friend and companion of Miss Lucy Abbott, daughter of Honorable Jacob Abbott. After Miss Abbott's marriage in 1805, Miss Buss taught a small school for young children. After Mr. Abbott's death in 1820, the family prepared a small house for her in a corner of the garden-lot, about where

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<sup>1</sup> This building was on the corner of Maine and School Streets, and is now the residence of Capt. Isaac L. Skolfield.



Captain John Bishop's house now stands. Here she taught school for a number of years. She afterwards maintained herself as a seamstress. She was highly esteemed, and was the presiding officer in many of the charitable associations of the ladies. In 1835 her health became impaired, and she returned to her former home in Wilton, New Hampshire.

MRS. CAROLINE P. PUTNAM, wife of Henry Putnam, Esquire, and mother of George P. Putnam, the New York publisher (recently deceased), taught school in Brunswick for about eighteen years. From 1807<sup>1</sup> until about 1818 or 1819, she taught in what was then known as the old Dunlap house, now the residence of the family of the late Doctor John D. Lincoln. Miss Narcissa Stone was her assistant during a portion of that time.

MRS. PUTNAM next taught for a year or two in the Forsaith house, next south of Dr. Lincoln's,<sup>2</sup> occupying the southeast room for her school-room, and from there she moved into the old Stone Mansion, which was situated near the northerly corner of Maine and Mill Streets, but which stood a little back from both streets. She occupied one half of this house and Dean Swift the other half. In this house she taught until 1825, when it was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Putnam then moved to New York, where she ever after resided. She is spoken of by those who knew her as an excellent woman and a good teacher.

JOHN M. O'BRIEN, a member of the first class of Bowdoin College, kept a private school for two or three years. The exact date is not known with certainty, but the school was probably kept between the years 1806 and 1810.

MISS ELIZA CHAPMAN, a Boston lady, sister to Mrs. Governor Dunlap, kept a private school for young ladies from 1823 until 1829, in the conference room on Centre Street. She was a lady of fine education and was a very successful teacher.

MR. SMITH taught a private school in Hodgkins Hall, on the corner of Maine and Pleasant Streets, in 1824. This teacher is said to have been Mr. William Smyth, afterwards a professor in Bowdoin College.

ABRAHAM PREBLE kept a private school under Masonic Hall, in the winter of 1825, and announced another term to be kept in another place which would better accommodate his patrons. He kept school for several terms, but exactly how long is not known.

LOT JONES opened a school over the bank in September, 1828, where he taught the various branches usually taught in academies, and

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<sup>1</sup> *Reminiscences of Mrs. Lamb.*

<sup>2</sup> *Reminiscences of Dean Swift.*

prepared students for college. He taught here for about one year and was a very successful teacher. He afterwards became an Episcopalian clergyman.

ASA DODGE, of the class of 1827, Bowdoin College, and afterwards a missionary physician in Syria, taught a school for young gentlemen and ladies, in 1829, and for two or three years after, in the conference room on Centre Street. His school was one of the best that was ever kept in Brunswick. He was a fine scholar and instructor, and is highly spoken of as a man by those who knew him. He died in Beirout, Syria.

DARIUS ADAMS taught a school in Washington Hall about the year 1830. He was succeeded by

SAMUEL ADAMS, who taught in the same place for a few terms.

HARRIET LEE kept a private school for misses in 1830, in the Rodney Forsaith house, on Maine Street.

THE MISSES R. and S. OWEN kept a female boarding and day school in 1830, and for two or three years after, in the Owen house, which was situated on the corner of Maine and O'Brien Streets, on the lot now occupied by the residence of Mr. Benjamin Greene.

RICHARD WOODHULL, of the class of 1827, of Bowdoin College, taught a school for one or two terms about 1830, in the conference room on Centre Street. He succeeded Mr. Asa Dodge.

MR. THOMAS BAKER (Bowdoin, class of 1831) taught a school for young gentlemen in Washington Hall, from 1833 until 1838 or 1839. From here he went to Cape Ann, and from thence to Boston as a head master. He became quite celebrated as a teacher.

MISSES DEBORAH FOLSOM and MARY DUNNING kept a family school for girls for about three years, on Union Street, nearly opposite O'Brien Street. This was about the years 1836 to 1838 inclusive. They were both successful teachers.

MISS TRYPHENA B. HINKLEY came to Topsham in 1842 as an assistant in Mrs. Field's school. Two years later Mrs. Field resigned the school, and Miss Hinkley conducted it on her own account for about a year, when, at the solicitation of friends in Brunswick, she united her school with that of Professor Swallow, under the name of the Brunswick Seminary. At the end of about a year Miss Hinkley withdrew from this school and taught a day-school in the Pleasant Street Seminary. Here she taught for about a year. She then leased the house on the corner of Pleasant and Union Streets, recently owned and occupied by Mr. Samuel R. Jackson. She taught in this building for about five years, keeping a boarding-school for young ladies. From

here she moved into the O'Brien house, which stood on Union Street, nearly opposite O'Brien Street. In this house she taught for about seven years. Here her school was large and prosperous. From the O'Brien house she moved into her present residence opposite the colleges, which she purchased of John S. C. Abbott, and to which she made additions and improvements.

In all of her schools Miss Hinkley has been assisted by her sister, MISS JOSEPHINE HINKLEY, whose special department has been that of drawing. Among the other lady assistants she has had, at different times, Miss Fannie White, a teacher of music; Madam Zimmerman, a German lady and a fine music teacher; Miss Frances Adams (now Mrs. General Chamberlain), Miss Lizzie McKeen, Miss Fannie Stowe, Miss Sarah Newman, Miss Emily Poole, and Miss Sophia W. Wheeler.

For gentleman assistants Miss Hinkley has depended largely upon the college. Among those who have assisted her at different times have been C. C. Everett, William Packard, Egbert C. Smyth, William S. Tucker, Joshua Leighton, Henry Farrar, her brother Eugene B. Hinkley, and Professors Brackett, Russell, Taverner, and Briggs. The average number of boarding scholars has been about fifteen, the largest number about twenty-seven.

ALFRED W. PIKE advertised the eighth term of the "Brunswick High School" to begin April 10, 1843. It was kept in Washington Hall. In 1845 he advertised the "Brunswick High School and Teacher's Seminary." Vocal music to be taught by Jotham Sewall; mathematics and French, by Samuel J. Pike; drawing and painting, by Miss Frances Adams. In 1846, and for about three years after, he kept a school in the Pleasant Street Seminary, then in a building which stood on the spot cut through for the railroad on the east side of Maine Street, and lastly, in his own house, which was then a cottage on Potter Street, but which was afterwards removed to Maine Street, enlarged and improved, and is now the residence of General Chamberlain.

D. KENDRICK, JUNIOR, taught a private school for ladies in 1845, and for about a year, in Dunlap Block.

In addition to the foregoing private schools for general instruction, there have been from time to time others taught for instruction in special branches.

#### SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

The schools of this character will be given under the head of the branches taught in them.



DANCING ACADEMY. — In January, 1821, L. Champrosay began a school at Stoddard's Hall. The terms were six dollars for twelve lessons. He also advertised to give private lessons in French.

SCHOOL FOR EMBROIDERY. — In 1823 a school was established by a lady from Scotland, for working in embroidery.<sup>1</sup>

SCHOOL FOR INSTRUCTION IN FRENCH. — In 1836, J. G. Mivelle Dechene taught French at Mrs. Pollard's house.

SCHOOL FOR MUSICAL INSTRUCTION. — INSTRUMENTAL. — In 1826 a Miss Brown of Boston, gave instruction on the piano and harp.

SCHOOL FOR INSTRUCTION IN NAVIGATION. — In 1825 a school for instruction in the art of navigation was kept by B. F. Neally, and another one in 1843 by John F. Hall.

SCHOOL FOR INSTRUCTION IN FANCY PAINTING. — In 1827, A. B. Engstrom taught the art of fancy painting on paper, satin, or wood.

SINGING-SCHOOLS. — In 1825, Luke Hastings taught a school for instruction in vocal music. In 1836, Charles J. Noyes kept a similar school; and so did also L. W. Additon, in 1843. Since then schools of this character have been too numerous for specific mention to be made of them.

WRITING-SCHOOLS. — In 1824, I. Morgridge kept a school for instruction in penmanship, in Stone's Hall. He was succeeded the next winter by William Sawyer. In 1836 a Mr. Butler kept a school of this kind; in 1843, Mr. I. O. Richardson; and in 1845 a Mr. Fisk kept one in Dunlap Block. Further mention of such schools is unnecessary.

The above by no means completes the list of miscellaneous schools, but they are all which have come to our knowledge that are worthy of especial mention.

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<sup>1</sup> Putnam.

## CHAPTER XVI.

## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY OF TOPSHAM.

THE earliest information to be obtained in regard to educational matters in Topsham is that contained in the town records. It appears from these that on March 18, 1766, the town voted to raise £60 for a "minister and school-master" for that year, and Thomas Wilson was chosen a committee to agree with him or them. At the annual meeting in 1768, John Reed and John Fulton were chosen a committee to obtain a minister and school-master for that year. At a meeting of the Pejepscot proprietors, held July 23 of this year, it was voted:—

"That Lott Number sixtyfive adjoining to the aforesaid Lott granted to y<sup>e</sup> first settled Minister lying on the Rear of the Lotts conveyed to Benjamin Thomas and bounding Northwest on Land belonging to Heirs of William Wilson as described and laid down in the Plan, be and hereby is granted to the Town of Topsham, for a Lott for the Benefitt and advantage of a Publick School, to continue for said use forever — said Lott contains one hundred Acres."<sup>1</sup>

On July 14, 1770, the town voted that the school-master should be hired for one year from the date of his first commencing school.

At the annual meeting in 1773, the selectmen were instructed to divide the town into several school districts and to proportion the taxes according to the number of children in each district. The amount raised this year for schools was £26 13s. 4d.

From 1786 to 1792 the employment of a teacher was left with the selectmen.

At the annual meeting of the town in 1795, the selectmen were instructed to take measures to secure the lot of land called the "School lot," "which was said to belong to the town." The article in the warrant to provide for the employment of a school-master was this year passed over.

At a town meeting held May 6, 1799, the selectmen were instructed

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

to divide the town into such school districts as they should deem advisable. Three hundred dollars was appropriated for the support of schools this year.

The selectmen neglecting for some reason to divide the town into school districts, Reverend Jonathan Ellis, Alexander Thompson, Senior, James Wilson, Arthur Hunter, William Wilson, and Samuel Winchell were chosen a committee for this purpose in 1800. The town also voted to have six school districts and to build a school-house in each district within thirteen months, and \$1,200 was appropriated for that purpose, upon the condition that each district should give the land needed for its school-house.

In 1801 the preceding action of the town was so far modified as to make seven instead of six districts. It was also voted this year that the school committee should consist of one person in each district.

In 1802, Benjamin Hasey, John Merrill, and Benjamin J. Porter were chosen a committee to petition the legislature for permission to sell the school lot and to place the proceeds of the sale as an accumulating fund until it should net an income of three hundred dollars per annum, or in any other way which the General Court might think proper.

In 1803 three of the school districts, Numbers 4, 5, and 6, were consolidated into one.

On March 6, 1804, the General Court authorized the sale of the school lot and the investment of the money accruing therefrom.<sup>1</sup>

Nothing of importance in relation to educational matters appears in the town records subsequently to this time, until the year 1825. In their report for that year, the school committee express doubts "whether knitting and sewing ought to be permitted in town schools," and express the hope "that parents in future will be convinced of the impropriety of imposing this service on the instructress."

In 1828 the town voted that the selectmen should make a sale of the school lot, in accordance with a former vote passed for that purpose.

In 1830 the trustees of the school fund reported that the school lot was sold on the twelfth day of December, 1829, to Captain Samuel Perkins, for three hundred and fifty dollars.

In 1833 the school fund arising from the sale of the school lot amounted to four hundred and twenty dollars and thirty-four cents.

In 1837 the town voted that the surplus revenue money, that was or was to be deposited with the town by the State, should be kept as a

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<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Acts*, 1804.



fund, and that the town treasurer should be permitted to loan the money on interest, under the direction of the selectmen, who should see that good security was taken, and that the *interest* should be divided amongst the school districts. The next year, however, though a strong protest was made against it, this vote was reconsidered and the money was divided among the inhabitants.

Between 1851 and 1870 the superintending school committee kept a record of their doings. From this record it appears that the following persons were chosen for school committee in 1851: Reverend Jonathan Clement, James Gilpatrick, and A. D. Wheeler. At their first meeting they drew lots, as provided by law, to determine the time for which they were respectively to serve on the committee. Reverend Mr. Wheeler was selected to serve one year, Mr. Clement for two, and Mr. Gilpatrick for three years. There were at this time nine school districts in town, which were designated as follows:—

Number 1 was called the Jameson district.

“ 3 “ “ “ Oak Hill district.

“ 4 “ “ “ Middlesex district.

“ 5 “ “ “ Mallett district.

“ 6 “ “ “ Cathance district.

“ 8 “ “ “ Jack district.

“ 9 “ “ “ Bay Road district.

“ 11 “ “ “ Alexander district.

“ 12 “ “ “ Little River district.

Numbers 2, 7, and 10 were united into one district, which was called the Village District. Districts Number 1, 8, and 12 were up the river, Numbers 4, 6, and 9 were down the river, and Numbers 3, 5, and 11 were back from the river. The total amount of school money received this year, from all sources, was nine hundred and ninety dollars and thirty-two cents. The whole number of children in town, between the ages of four and twenty-one years, was six hundred and sixty.

In 1852 the total amount of school money was six dollars and thirteen cents more than the previous year. The school fund this year was six hundred and sixty-four dollars and fifty cents.

Nothing has been found to show the exact time when the grading system was applied to the village schools, but on November 18, 1854, the following entry occurs in the records of the committee: “Messrs. Adams and Cotton met in the selectmen’s office and examined Mr. Gaslin for the Village High School. He was found well qualified.” It would seem from this, since no previous reference to it has been found, that the High School must have been established this year.

On July 22, 1848, the school committee agreed upon the following as the requirements for admission to the High School, namely, that pupils should have gone in arithmetic as far as simple interest, in geography through Colton's book, and in grammar through etymology. For admission to the grammar schools, pupils were required to know the multiplication table and the simple rules of arithmetic and to have finished the primary geography.

In 1859 the town voted that "the trustees of the ministerial fund, derived from the sale of the ministerial land granted the town for the support of the ministry, transfer said fund, together with accrued interest, to the municipal officers, clerk, and treasurer of the town, as a fund for the support of the public schools, agreeably to the twelfth chapter of the Revised Statutes of Maine." This fund was not available, however, having been loaned to individuals, one of whom was dead, and the notes of all of whom had become outlawed.

In 1861 the town elected Mr. Warren Johnson as supervisor of schools. The following resolution was found in the town records on a slip of paper inserted between the leaves, and was apparently overlooked by the clerk in copying his minutes, as it does not appear on the records:—

"Whereas, in the judgment of the town, it is desirable that the management of schools be placed in the hands of one supervisor, and whereas the ill health of the Rev. Dr. Wheeler (the only member of the former board of school committee) would prevent him from discharging the laborious duties of a supervisor, and the election of another necessitates his retirement after a service of nearly thirty years.

"*Resolved*, That we sensibly recognize his long and effectual services as an able and earnest educator, to whom much is due for the former success of our school system."

In 1862 the trustees of the school fund reported at the annual meeting that this fund was invested in good notes to the amount of six hundred and sixty-four dollars and forty-eight cents, and that the interest, amounting to thirty-three dollars and eighty-seven cents, had been paid, and had been divided among the several school districts.

In 1863 the town returned to the practice of selecting a school committee instead of a supervisor. In December of this year the committee made the following changes in school-books: They voted to use the Progressive Series of Readers, in place of Town's Readers; Weld and Quackenbos, in the place of Bailey's grammar; and Greenleaf's new arithmetics, in place of his old ones.

In 1869 the Wilson Series of Readers was adopted for five years.

## SCHOOL-TEACHERS.

The names of the school-teachers prior to 1800 are unknown. The earliest teacher in town of whom any record is found was Reverend Jonathan Ellis. Mr. Ellis taught school during a large portion of his residence in Topsham, between 1789 and 1811. At first he taught in a school-house at the eastern end of the town, near the old first meeting-house; afterwards in the school-house, which stood on the lot now owned by Captain William S. Skolfield, on the corner of Pleasant and Elm Streets. It was a small building directly opposite where the Orthodox Church now stands. Afterwards he kept a school for three or four years in the Court House. He was teaching there at the time of the great eclipse of the sun in 1806.

Mr. James Wilson distinctly remembers that the school closed at the time, and that the scholars came to his father's house to smoke pieces of glass in order to watch the eclipse. In his diary Mr. Ellis mentions the fact that he completed his school in District Number 4 on August 25, and in District Number 6 on October 7, 1800. On the first date there was a public exhibition by the school. Mr. Ellis was an excellent teacher.

In 1802, Mr. John Hern taught in a small school-house, which stood near the Benjamin Wilson house.

About 1825, Mr. Josiah Perham came to Topsham and taught the village school. He occupied the next room to the post-office, which then stood opposite the bank, where he cooked his own food, and lived by himself. He is said to have been a good teacher and a worthy, persevering young man. In later years he made himself famous by inaugurating a series of cheap excursions, known as "Perham's Excursions," and still later was proprietor of "Perham's Seven-Mile Mirror," a panorama which was exhibited in many of the principal cities and towns throughout the country. He is said to have been the first man to sign a petition for a charter for the Pacific Railroad.

Of other teachers prior to this date, sufficient is not known to enable us to make mention of them, and the subsequent teachers of the public schools of the town have been too numerous.

## ACADEMICAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Topsham Academy was started in the year 1847 or 1848 by a few prominent citizens of the town. They purchased the old Court House and converted it into an excellent school-house, with recitation-



rooms, library, etc. The teachers the first year were Messrs. Dexter A. Hawkins, class of 1848, and Charles H. Wheeler, class of 1847, Bowdoin College. They were succeeded by Messrs. Albert H. Ware and George O. Robinson, both of the class of 1849, of the same college. The latter was succeeded by Mr. Francis Adams, of the class of 1850. Mr. John Clement taught the school after Adams left. The school was given up about 1858, the last teacher being Mr. Joshua Loughton, of the class of 1857, Bowdoin.

The tuition at this academy was, for instruction in the lower department, four dollars; in the higher department, five dollars. There was a quite good library connected with this institution, and a literary society the name of which is not now remembered.

In 1856, Mr. Warren Johnson, of the class of 1854, Bowdoin College, purchased the residence of Major William Frost, deceased; enlarged it somewhat, and on May 20, 1857, opened it for a boarding-school, under the name of the FRANKLIN FAMILY SCHOOL. While under his management, as well as since, the school proved to be a very excellent one. It was afterwards kept by his brother, Samuel J. Johnson, then by H. A. Randall, then by R. O. Lindsey, and the latter was succeeded by a Mr. Billings. It is now under the management of Mr. D. L. Smith, an experienced and successful teacher.<sup>1</sup>

In 1865 an earnest but unsuccessful effort was made to secure the location of the State Agricultural College in Topsham. Mr. Daniel T. Coffin, of New York, formerly a resident of this town, sent a donation of two hundred and fifty dollars to aid in securing its location there. An account of the efforts made by the citizens is given in another chapter.

#### PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

Some time in the last century Mr. Samuel Thompson offered to keep a private school, if he could obtain twenty-five scholars, at a price ranging from sixteen to twenty-five cents a week. Whether or not he succeeded in getting up this school is not known, but it is certain that he taught a village school for a long time. He was subject to fits of derangement, and at times the town authorities had to confine him in a "cage." This was a one-story and one-room structure at the Topsham end of the toll-bridge, somewhere on the site of the present paper-mill. He was attended to here by Denem Winslow, the toll-gatherer.

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<sup>1</sup>Mr. Warren Johnson had begun to prepare for these pages an account of the school, but his sickness and death prevented its completion, and we are consequently unable to give a fuller sketch.

Moses M. Marsh, a well-known school-master of Brunswick, once taught a school in Topsham. It may have been a public and not a private school. Enoch H. Hines also taught here prior to his death in 1828. He taught district schools, but may possibly have taught a private school also.

On May 8, 1826, the Topsham Female School was opened in Greene's Hall. It was taught by a lady.

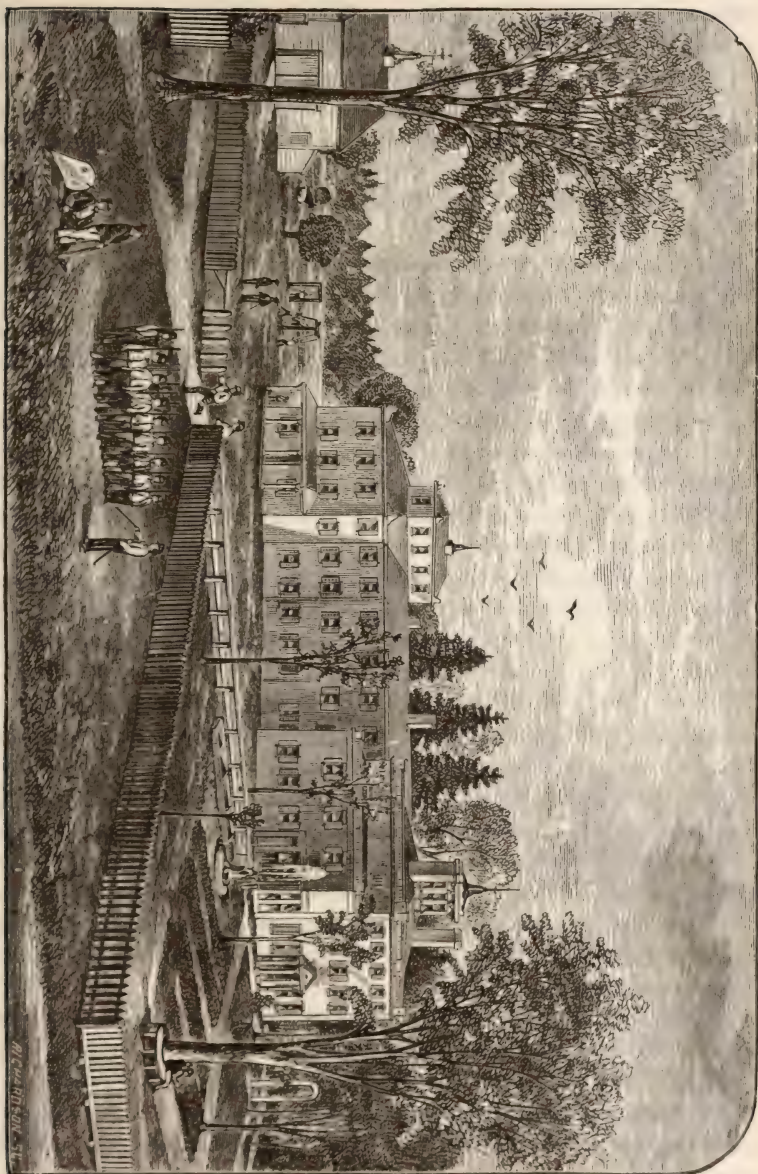
On March 9, 1829, a Miss EASTMAN commenced a school for young ladies. The studies taught were reading, writing, grammar, geography, ancient and modern history, arithmetic, philosophy, geometry, French, and painting, according to the method of Engstrom.

Tuition was three to six dollars a term. How long a time this school was kept up is not known.

MRS. FIELDS'S SCHOOL. — Mrs. Elizabeth Fields was the widow of Robert Fields, Esquire, barrister in England, a lawyer of no mean ability, who was induced to come to America, and resided for many years in Boston, in the practice of his profession. He died in 1812. In 1830, Mrs. Fields, while on a visit to General King's family of Bath, in an afternoon's drive, chanced to pass the Doctor Porter house,<sup>1</sup> in Topsham, which General King pointed out to her as "his property, once the residence of his sister, and now likely to remain unoccupied for years." At once the idea suggested itself to Mrs. Fields of taking possession of it as a boarding-school for young ladies, and after making the necessary arrangements with General King regarding repairs and rent, she immediately proceeded to place it in order for occupancy, and in 1831 opened her school with twelve boarding and as many day scholars. General King sent his only daughter, and used his influence, which was by no means small, in inducing many of his friends in Augusta and elsewhere to send their daughters. Miss Caroline Weld was the first assistant teacher. Subsequently Mrs. Fields secured the assistance of Miss Mary Thacher, daughter of Peter Thacher, Esquire, of Lubec, a young lady of unusually fine mind and intellectual acquirements, and a Mr. Purinton, who was previously in one of the principal Bath schools. Later, in 1838, when Miss Thacher left the school to be married, her place was filled by Miss Hester A. C. Hinkley, from Hallowell, equally competent, and who, in her turn, having left in 1842 to be married, was succeeded by an accomplished sister, Miss Tryphena Hinkley, who continued in that capacity until Mrs. Fields gave up the school in 1844, when Miss Hinkley took it,

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<sup>1</sup> Now the residence of Mrs. Susan T. Purinton.



THE FRANKLIN FAMILY SCHOOL.

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and continued it on her own account for some time.<sup>1</sup> After Mr. Purington left, his place was always filled by competent male teachers, among whom were Doctors Williams, Parlin, and Hall, then students at the Medical School, and after them a Mr. Curtis, of Topsham. The average number of boarders was sixteen, and of day scholars about twelve. Mrs. Beers, the widowed daughter of Mrs. Fields, was music teacher all the time. This school was considered to be of a superior character, and Mrs. Fields was held in the highest esteem by the entire community.<sup>2</sup>

To this account we are enabled to add the following interesting reminiscence of a former pupil: —

“ For four years I was a pupil of hers, with occasional vacations. As it was the first school I ever attended, I could not at the time compare it with others, but the more I know of other boarding-schools, the more clearly I see that she was unique, and in many respects superior. There were no written regulations. In fine weather we were encouraged to study out of doors. The grounds were ample, well provided with arbors, shade-trees, swings, and ‘tecter-boards.’ There was an old corn-house in view from the school-room windows, which sometimes was a summer resort for a difficult French lesson. Five or six of the *Télémaque* class, each with her book and one dictionary, would often have a fine social time while getting out the translation.

“ Plenty of exercise, in the open air when the weather would allow, and in-doors in stormy weather, was enforced upon us. Whenever the evenings were cool enough to require a fire, a good dance, of at least an hour, was required before going to bed. The school-room was large, with an immense fireplace opposite the windows, and in one corner, farthest from the fireplace, stood a large box-stove. When the weather was very cold, both stove and fireplace were used.

“ Mrs. Fields’s seat was at the left hand of this fireplace by a large desk, and she used to play the guitar herself, and call off for the school-room dancing.

“ The food was plain, wholesome, and abundant. She always presided at the table and fared exactly like her scholars.

“ In the mornings we all met in the school-room, at half past six in summer and about eight in the shortest days of winter. Prayers were read, then came breakfast, and at eight in summer and nine in winter school began.

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<sup>1</sup> See “ *Miss Hinkley’s School* ”

<sup>2</sup> The material for the foregoing is furnished by Mrs. Mary Beers McLellan, granddaughter of Mrs. Fields.

“English studies came first, arithmetic, grammar, and spelling. No one was excused from spelling. Mrs. Fields would say, ‘My dear, if you *can* spell, it takes but little of your time; if you *cannot*, you ought to learn.’ One of her commonest criticisms upon a composition would be, ‘Very well, my dear! Now take it and rewrite it, and see in how much less space you can get every idea’ She used to say that diffuseness and obscurity were the great faults of modern literature. Writing from dictation was with her a favorite method of drill in spelling and punctuation.

“Some young lady was always assistant teacher for the beginners; but when the assistant least expected it, Mrs. Fields herself would step in and hear the recitations, sending the assistant to hear her own particular classes meanwhile.

“At about eleven A. M., Mrs. Beers, her daughter, who was a music teacher, came in and attended to penmanship, setting the copies herself. At noon we had an intermission of two hours in summer and one in winter, with dinner about one o’clock. We had the range of the extensive grounds, provided only that we did not go out of bounds without permission and were prompt in minding the bell.

“After dinner was playtime until two o’clock. Then came sewing of various kinds, embroidery and fancy, in all its branches; also lace mending and fine darning, plain and fancy knitting. When we were all fixed at our work, some one was called on to read aloud, not more than fifteen or twenty minutes at a time. At five, school was out. After supper we usually had an hour for study, and then the tables were cleared for a dance or some other frolic until bedtime.

“The standard of honor was very high with Mrs. Fields, and yet I can recall no instance of punishment for dishonorable conduct, except her withering sarcasm and a feeling that the offender was not trusted. There was no standard of rank and no public examination, though visitors were always welcome. There was one custom conducive to social training. The house was open for a weekly reception most of the time. Thursdays Mrs. Fields and her pupils were always ‘at home’ to all personal friends of herself and pupils. The latter were taught to behave as the daughters of the house in entertaining guests. I do not remember which was treated as the greatest fault, — a prudish avoidance of a gentleman guest, or an appearance of coquetry and flirtation. Music, dancing, and conversation were the amusements of these reunions.”

For several years subsequent to 1840, private schools were kept in town by Miss MARY B. H. WHEELER, who had an excellent reputa-

tion as an instructress of young children. There are many middle-aged persons in town who received their earliest tuition from her, and many who remember her pleasant ways with children.

About the year 1840, Miss THEODOSIA WILSON commenced a private school. She taught schools, both public and private, in Topsham, for about thirty-four years. She was well known in the community as a successful and experienced teacher as well as an accomplished and estimable lady.

In the fall of 1842. Messrs. J. L. Nutting and J. F. Woodside both advertised that they would teach a private high school in Topsham. It is presumed that one, if not both, did keep such a school that year.

#### SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

Schools for special instruction, especially in writing and in singing, have been of quite frequent occurrence in Topsham. Sufficient material has not, however, been obtained to enable one to give any extended account of them. The earliest writing-school of which any account has been found was taught in the summer of 1824, at the school-house, near the Court House, by Mr. J. Morgridge. The earliest singing-schools known were those taught by Andrew Dennison, previous to 1820, and in 1844 by L. W. Additon.



## CHAPTER XVII.

## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY OF HARPSWELL.

THE earliest reference that has been found to any provision for a school in Harpswell is the appropriation of £20 for that purpose by the town on May 9, 1759. Where a school was kept this year and by whom is nowhere stated.

In May, 1760, the town voted that each part of the Neck, and also the Island, should draw their proportionate part of the school money that was collected and should hire mistresses.<sup>1</sup>

At the annual meeting in 1761, the town appropriated £20 for the support of a school and instructed the selectmen to provide one.

In 1762 the town voted to raise £20, as usual, for a school.

At the May meeting in 1763, the town voted not to build a school-house near the meeting-house. The town also voted to pay James Booker £1 and 13s. for going to Falmouth, "the Place being Presented for want of a school." By reference to the records of the Court of General Sessions for Cumberland County, October term, 1762, it appears that though the town had been presented, it was excused from a fine by reason of the selectmen testifying that they had employed a man as teacher who had been taken sick and had consequently been unable to attend to his duty.

In 1765 the town voted to pay William Sylvester, Esquire, £1 and 11s. "for the charges that he had paid on account of there being no school the last summer."

At the annual meeting in March, 1771, the town voted to build three school-houses. It is not known exactly where these buildings were located, but in all probability one of them was on Great Sebas-codigan Island and the other two on the Neck.

In May, 1780, the town voted to raise £300 for the support of schools. The difference between this sum and £20 seems extreme. It is undoubtedly due to the depreciation of the currency.

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<sup>1</sup> No reference occurs in the records of Brunswick or Topsham to the employment of any mistresses in the last century.

In June, 1781, £15 was voted by the town for school money, "to be reckoned in silver dollars as six shillings each, or in other currency equal to silver."

From this time until May, 1791, the town took no action in regard to school matters, except to pass the usual appropriation of money. On this latter date it was voted that "Orr's Island and Baylie's Island are to have five pounds of the school money for them to keep a school with them the present year, and for no other use." The appropriation for schools was this year £25.

In 1797 the town voted that "the selectmen should class the town into school classes, and appoint a day for each class to meet and choose a head for their respective classes."

In May, 1798, the town voted to accept the school classes or districts on the Island, as the selectmen had divided them. Marlborough Sylvester was chosen to be the head of the first district on the Neck; Captain William Tarr to be head of the second district on the Neck; Clement Orr, of the district on Orr's Island and Bailey's Island; Samuel Snow, of the first district on Sebascodigan; Stephen Purinton, of the second district on the latter island; and Josiah Totman, of the third district on this island. From this it appears that the town was divided into six districts, of which two were on the Neck; one included Orr's and Bailey's Islands; and the remainder were on Great Sebascodigan Island.

The records of the town contain nothing further in regard to schools until 1810. This year the town voted that school committees should be chosen in each district.

On November 7, 1814, the town passed a vote unlike any that we have ever met with in the doings of any other town. It voted "that the school money raised on the first Monday of May last shall be appropriated towards paying the expenses the selectmen were at for their attendance and expenses for the militia." *Inter arma leges silent!*

In September, 1821, the town voted to choose a superintending school committee of three, and Reverend Samuel Eaton, Alcot Stover, Jr., and Captain Stephen Snow were elected. Agents were also chosen this year for the different school districts.

In 1822 a school committee of seven members was chosen.

At a meeting of the town in September, 1828, it was voted that the school committee should not be paid for their services. As there is no evidence of any dissatisfaction with the committee, the above vote probably indicates the impression that existed in the town that the

honor of holding such a weighty office ought to be considered a sufficient compensation.

In 1834 a new division of the town into school districts was made.

In 1857 the town voted to dispense with a superintending school committee and to choose a supervisor. Thomas U. Eaton was elected to this office. From this time until 1862, inclusive, a supervisor of schools was chosen each year.

In 1863 the town abandoned the idea of electing a supervisor, and went back to the old plan of choosing a school committee of three.

#### SCHOOL-HOUSES AND TEACHERS.

The town in 1771 voted to build three school-houses, but it is not known whether they were erected that year nor where they stood. If they were all built at that time, it is probable that two of them, at least, were built upon the Neck. If the other was built upon Sebas-codigan Island, it was probably destroyed by fire, as according to very trustworthy traditional testimony the first school-house now known to have been built upon that island was not erected until about 1785. This school-house was first located a few rods south of the burying-ground, but about 1845 it was removed to its present location, about two hundred rods north of where it formerly stood. This house has been often repaired and is still quite sound, and is annually used for schools.

In 1786, or a year or two later, the second school-house on this island was built on the land of Nathaniel Purinton. It was destroyed by fire in 1826, and the present building was erected soon after on the site of the former.

No information has been obtained in regard to the erection of school-houses in other portions of the town, and but little can be said concerning the early teachers here.

An Irishman by the name of Patch is said to have taught the first public school on Great Island. He kept a school in the old school-house for seven or eight winters. Some of the later teachers in that district have been Wentworth Dresser, a Mr. Hill, T. Coten, and Mr. Edgcomb, of Topsham, who is the present teacher there.

The first teacher in the second school-house was John Sullivan, also an Irishman. He is said to have been a good teacher, but addicted to habits of intemperance and accustomed to close his school for a week or more in order to go upon drinking "sprees." Among his successors in that school have been Samuel Williams, Nathaniel Purinton, W. Dresser, Doctor Seward Garcelon, Jeremiah Hacker, S. Purinton, G. C. Smith, and the present teacher, Alvah A. Plummer.



There are upon Great Island six school districts, and the schools average from sixteen to twenty-eight weeks each in length. From twenty to forty dollars per month and board are the wages to male teachers, and from two to six dollars per week and board to female teachers. Board is from two to four and a half dollars per week. The average number of scholars in each school is about twenty.

#### ACADEMICAL INSTITUTIONS.

The only school of this character in town was the HARPSWELL ACADEMY. Some of the prominent citizens, desirous of having better advantages of education offered to the children of the town than were afforded by the common schools, formed a corporation for the promotion of that object in the year 1859.

The first meeting of the Harpswell Academy Corporation was held June 13, 1859, in Johnson's Hall. The Act of Incorporation was accepted, and a committee of three were chosen to prepare a code of by-laws. These by-laws, which were accepted at the next meeting, provided, amongst other things, that the annual meeting should be held on the second Monday in June, that the officers should consist of a president, secretary, treasurer, and a visiting committee of three, together forming a Board of Trustees; that the visiting committee should visit the school twice each term, and should have entire control of the school and building; that the Board of Trustees should employ the teachers, fix the terms of admission to the school, and make all purchases; and that "there shall never be a majority of the trustees elected from any one sect or denomination of Christians."

At this meeting, Paul Randall was chosen president, Harmon Pennell, vice-president; Robert Pennell, secretary; Henry Barnes, treasurer; and Clement Skolfield, Isaiah Snow, Stephen Purinton, Thomas Pennell, and Lemuel H. Stover, a visiting committee. A committee of three was also chosen to raise money and select a place for an academy building. On July 2d of this year, the trustees voted to accept a lot of one fourth of an acre of land offered by David S. Dunning at the sum of twenty-five dollars, and very shortly after this a neat and substantial building was erected on that part of the Neck which is designated North Harpswell. The incorporators, however, went in debt for the building, and accordingly, at a meeting held March 1, 1860, the academy was mortgaged in order to raise money to pay the indebtedness. On April 18, 1865, the trustees voted to raise money by subscription to redeem this building.

How successful this attempt was, is not stated in the records.

The first term of school in this academy commenced Monday, September 5, 1859, under the instruction of H. C. White, M. D., with one or more assistants. The rates of tuition were as follows :—

In Primary Department, per term . . .	\$2.00
“ Common English, “ . . .	3.00
“ Higher Branches, “ . . .	4.00
“ Drawing and Painting, “ . . .	1.50 to 2.00
“ Music, “ . . .	6.00

For use of instrument, one dollar extra.

The school was kept up a few years, but finally failed from want of adequate support and encouragement. The building is still standing.

#### PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

THE first school-teacher upon Great Island was a man named Hobby. He taught in private houses. Private schools were held in many families prior to the building of the first school-house, but there have been but few held in the part of the island where the second school-house is located. Stephen Purinton, however, is known to have had schools for his children. The only private teachers besides Hobby, who are remembered to have taught here in early times, were Messrs. Patch and Sullivan.

The first teacher on Orr's Island is said to have been a man by the name of Kinneccum, and the first one upon Merriconeag Neck is said to have been a Mr. Walker. Both of these teachers taught private schools.

The only teacher of a private school on the Neck beside Mr. Walker, of whom we have been able to learn, was Parson Eaton, who taught a few day-scholars in some of the higher branches. Although we have no positive information upon the subject, it is probable that Mr. Eaton's scholars were only those who desired to secure a higher education than could at that time be obtained at the common schools, and they very likely were the children of the more wealthy citizens.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

## BOWDOIN COLLEGE AND THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF MAINE.



BOWDOIN COLLEGE IN 1821.

IN November, 1788, petitions were sent to the General Court of Massachusetts from the Cumberland Association of Ministers, as well as from the Cumberland County Court of General Sessions, for the incorporation of a college in that county. No decided action, however, was taken on these petitions until 1790, when a favorable report was made by a committee of the legislature, to which the matter had been referred. In March, 1791, in consequence principally of the exertions of Honorable Josiah Thatcher, a senator from Cumberland County, a bill for a college, to be called the Maine College, passed the Senate, but failed to pass the House.

At the next session, in the winter of 1791-2, upon the motion of H. Slocum, Esquire, a member from Bristol County, a committee was raised "to consider the expediency of establishing a college in the District of Maine." All mention of Cumberland County was avoided,



and the motion was made by a member from another county in order that no prejudice might be excited against the measure. Governor Eustis was appointed chairman of the committee, and a bill was prepared, establishing a college which was first proposed to be called Winthrop College, but which was called in the Act of Incorporation Bowdoin College, "the name being selected as one of the most honored names that Massachusetts could boast." The bill passed the House at this session, but owing to a disagreement between the two houses in regard to the name and location of the college, the bill was not formally enacted until June 24, 1794, when it passed both houses and received the signature of the governor, Samuel Adams. The towns of Gorham, Portland, North Yarmouth, Brunswick, New Gloucester, Freeport, and Winthrop were pertinacious in urging their respective claims as being the most fitting seat of the college, and in some of them subscriptions were raised to secure the location. The town of Brunswick was at length selected as a compromise between the conflicting interests of the claimants, the citizens of the town having made what was considered at the time a valuable consideration for the preference.

The founders of this institution appear to have formed adequate conceptions of what such a college should be. Their evident design was, as expressed in their own words, to found a seminary which should "promote virtue and piety, and a knowledge of the languages and of the useful and liberal arts and sciences."

The government of the college was, by its Act of Incorporation, vested in a Board of Trustees and a Board of Overseers, the former consisting of thirteen, and the latter of forty-five members. The trustees are the legislative body, and the overseers possess a vetoing power. Five townships of land, each six miles square, of the unappropriated lands in the then District of Maine, were granted for the "use, benefit, and purpose of supporting" the college.

"Immediately after the charter was granted, establishing an institution which was to bear his family name, the Honorable James Bowdoin, of Boston, afterwards minister plenipotentiary at the Spanish court, generously bestowed both money and lands, the estimated value of which was \$6,800. The first meeting of the Boards of the college was held at Portland, December, 1794. In consequence, however, of a deficiency of available funds (for the best lands of the State having been previously selected by other grantees, there was great difficulty in effecting a sale of the college townships, or any portion of them; without a sacrifice), eight years passed before the college went

into operation. Indeed, notwithstanding the original grant of the legislature, and the patronage of the individual already named, nothing but great zeal and unwearied perseverance on the part of the most active friends of the project carried it through to its accomplishment. Besides two stated meetings of the Boards each year, special meetings were occasionally called: but it was no easy matter to sustain the interest of all the members in an institution which as yet existed but in name, and it was always difficult even to form a quorum for the transaction of business. Committees were repeatedly appointed by the Boards to solicit donations, but the public had not then learned to give, and when thousands were needed, the amount contributed was small, and mostly in books. Mutual recriminations of inefficiency and neglect passed between the two Boards, and some were almost ready to despair of success."

Although but few donations were made to the college at this time, it is gratifying to know that neither the citizens nor the Pejepscot proprietors were unmindful of the benefit the location of the college in Brunswick would be to this town. Thirty acres of land were given to the college for its location by Captain John Dunlap, William Stanwood, and Brigadier Thompson, though the college afterwards had to purchase a part of it from more rightful owners.<sup>1</sup>

The Pejepscot proprietors also, at a meeting held April 3, 1799, voted to give a deed of two hundred acres of land to the trustees, "for the use of the college forever."

The following were the original trustees and overseers of the college:—

**TRUSTEES.**—Reverend Thomas Brown, Falmouth; Samuel Dean, D. D., Portland; John Frothingham, Esquire, Portland; Reverend Daniel Little, Wells; Reverend Thomas Lancaster, Scarboro'; Honorable Josiah Thatcher, Gorham; David Mitchell, Esquire, North Yarmouth; Reverend Tristram Gilman, North Yarmouth; Reverend Alden Bradford, Wiscasset; Thomas Rice, Esquire, Pownalboro'; William Martin, North Yarmouth; and the president and treasurer of the college.

**OVERSEERS.**—Edward Cutts, Kittery; Thomas Cutts, Pepperelboro'; Simon Frye, Fryeburg; David Sewall, York; Nathaniel Wells, Wells; Reverend Moses Hemmenway, D. D., Wells; Reverend Silas Moody, Arundel; Reverend John Thompson, Berwick; Reverend Nathaniel Webster, Biddeford; Reverend Paul Coffin, Buxton; Rev-

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<sup>1</sup>*John McKeen, Reminiscences of Brunswick in 1802.*

erend Benjamin Chadwick, Scarboro'; Reverend Samuel Eaton, Harpswell; Reverend Samuel Foxcroft, New Gloucester; Reverend Caleb Jewett; Reverend Alfred Johnson, Freeport; Reverend Elijah Kellogg, Portland; Reverend Ebenezer Williams, Falmouth; Reverend Charles Turner, Sanford; Daniel Davis, Portland; Samuel Freeman, Portland; Joshua Fabyan, Scarboro'; William Gorham, Gorham; Stephen Longfellow, Gorham; Joseph Noyes, Falmouth; Isaac Parsons, New Gloucester; Robert Southgate, Scarboro'; John Wait, Portland; Peleg Wadsworth, Thomaston; William Widgery, New Gloucester; Reverend Ezekiel Emerson, Georgetown; Reverend Jonathan Ellis, Topsham; Jonathan Bowman, Pownallboro'; Edmund Bridge, Augusta; Daniel Cony, Augusta; Henry Dearborn, Pittston; Dummer Sewall, Bath; Samuel Thompson, Topsham; John Dunlap, Brunswick; Francis Winter, Bath; Nathaniel Thwing, Woolwich; Alexander Campbell, No. 4 Washington County; Paul Dudley Sargeant, Sullivan; and the president and secretary of the college.

The site for the college was selected in 1796. It is situated on a plateau about three quarters of a mile south of the Androscoggin Bridge, near the pine plains. A beautiful grove of pines forms a part of the college grounds, and its proximity suggested the motto of one of the literary societies of the college.<sup>1</sup>

It was decided at this time to erect a building as soon as practicable, and in 1798 one was constructed of brick fifty feet long, forty feet wide, and three stories high. Owing to lack of means, however, it was not ready for use until the summer of 1802. In this latter year a wooden house was erected for the use of the president of the college.

About this time a part of the college lands was sold, and thus a new and more vigorous impulse was given to the growth of the college.

•• In July, 1801, the Boards proceeded to elect a president. Among several candidates the choice fell upon Reverend Joseph McKeen, a clergyman of high standing, of Beverly, Mass. The selection was fortunate for the institution. Possessing sound judgment and great sagacity, President McKeen was enabled to give a wise direction to measures, and to establish precedents of great importance to the future stability and prosperity of the institution. Through his instrumentality the tenure of office, a point which elicited much discussion, was established on a proper basis. In the following November, John

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<sup>1</sup>The motto of the *Pencinian Society* is "*Pinos loquentes semper habemus*" (The murmuring pines we always have).



Abbot, A. M., Harvard, was chosen Professor of Languages. The President and Professor of Languages were installed September, 1802. Great interest was felt by the friends of learning and education throughout the Commonwealth in this undertaking, and the ceremonies of the inauguration attracted to Brunswick a large assemblage, in which were men of the first distinction in the State. For want of a building suitable for the occasion, a platform with accommodations for spectators had been erected in the pine grove in the rear of the ground where the college grounds now stand. The scene in which they were participating could not but have deeply affected the principal actors. . . . On this occasion, the name of the college building, already erected, was proclaimed in due form, — Massachusetts Hall.

“On the day following this interesting occasion eight students were examined for admission into the college, two of whom came from the metropolis of the Commonwealth and its neighborhood, showing the interest and the confidence felt there in this new child of promise.

“The duties to which President McKeen was called were arduous and highly responsible. For two years he was aided only by the faithful services of the Professor of Languages. The obstacles and the discouragements he was compelled to encounter in laying the foundation of an institution which was attracting notice and exciting much expectation in the community, without apparatus of any kind, and almost without funds, situated in a part of the country where superfluous wealth was not yet known, at a period when such an undertaking was a novel one, cannot now be duly appreciated. Before they were introduced to their labors, the president and professor visited the principal colleges of New England, that they might avail themselves of the best experience of the time for the successful management of the college. It should be mentioned as an honorable testimonial to the enlarged and independent views which governed the measures then adopted, that the requisitions for admission at once placed the new institution, in this respect, on a level with the oldest and best conducted institutions in the country, — a rank which it has ever maintained.”

His house not having been completed in time, the president and his family, for a while, occupied rooms in Massachusetts Hall, the lower story of which had been fitted up, temporarily, as a chapel and recitation-room, and the upper portion for dormitories. There was no bell of any kind, and the pupils were summoned to prayers morning and evening by the thumping of the president's cane on the staircase.

In addition to these daily devotional exercises, President McKeen also preached on Sunday, either in the meeting-house of the First Parish or in the college chapel.

In 1804, Samuel Willard was appointed a tutor, and took up his residence within the college. One or two resident tutors were chosen annually after this until 1824.

Soon after its incorporation Mr. Bowdoin presented the college with £823 4s., with a "request that the interest thereof may be applied to the establishment and support of a professorship of Mathematics, and of Natural and Experimental Philosophy, and that this interest be added to the principal until a professor shall be appointed." To fill this professorship the boards, in May, 1805, elected Parker Cleaveland, A. M., Harvard, who was at that time a tutor at Cambridge. He was inducted into office in October. During this year the first chapel was erected. It was constructed of wood, with rooms for the library and philosophical apparatus in the second story. It was not designed for a permanent building, but was, however, enlarged and improved in 1817, and served the purposes for which it was built until 1845.

In 1805 the first literary society was instituted. This society, the Peucinian, was founded by Charles Stewart Daves, Alfred Johnson, Nathan Lord, Robert Means, Enos Merrill, Benjamin Randall, Joseph Sprague, and Henry Wood, members of the three highest classes of the college. Robert Means was the first president. At first the society consisted solely of members of college, but in 1814 the members who had graduated held a meeting and, together with those belonging to the college society, formed a general society, of which Charles Stewart Daves was elected the first president. With varying periods of prosperity and reverses, the society has continued to the present day. Its membership in 1858, the date of the last catalogue, was as follows:—

Whole number of members, 1,023; initiated members, 945; honorary members, 78; members of General Society, 882; members of College Society, 63.

The first Commencement of the college was celebrated in September, 1806, when the first class was graduated. The following-named individuals composed this class:—

Mr. Richard Cobb, who died in 1837, aged 49; Mr. Isaac Foster Coffin, who died in 1861, aged 74; John Davis, who died in 1841, aged 62; Mr. John Maurice O'Brien, who died in 1865, aged 79; Moses Quinby, S. H. S., who died in 1857, aged 71; Mr. George

Thorndike, who died in 1810, aged 21, and who also received his degree at Harvard, in 1807; Reverend Benjamin Titcomb, who died in 1829, aged 42.

At the same time the following fourteen persons, graduates of other colleges, received at their own solicitation honorary degrees: Ebenezer H. Beckford, of Harvard; Oliver Bray, of Yale; Jason Chamberlain, of the University of Brunswick; Thomas J. Eckley, of Harvard; Jacob H. Elliott, of Harvard; Abraham Eustis, of Harvard; Jacob C. Jewett, of Harvard; Thomas M. Jones, of Harvard; Isaac Lincoln, of Harvard; Samuel Orne, of Harvard and Yale; Albion K. Parris, of Dartmouth; Leverett Saltonstall, of Harvard and Yale; Ichabod Tucker, of Harvard; and Owen Warland, also of Harvard.

This being the first occasion of the kind in a portion of the Commonwealth then looked upon as almost a wilderness, excited much interest throughout Massachusetts. A large number of people attended from the District of Maine, and many from Boston and vicinity. There was, perhaps, a larger attendance than has been usual since that time. This Commencement is memorable not only on account of its being the first one, but also on account of a storm of uncommon severity, which began the day before the one appointed for the exercises of graduation, and for three days raged without abatement. The exercises were postponed one day, but were obliged to be held the next.

The successful working of the college at this time is shown by the fact that in 1807 forty-four students had been admitted to it, the library contained between fourteen and fifteen hundred volumes, and a philosophical and chemical apparatus had been obtained which was probably unsurpassed at that time by any in New England, except by that in Harvard University. A new building, subsequently named Maine Hall, was commenced this year. It was of brick, one hundred feet long, forty wide, and four stories high, and was intended for dormitories.

In consequence of the illness of the president at this time, his duties were distributed among the three remaining instructors. The tutor, Nathan Parker, A. M., Harvard, afterwards Reverend Doctor Parker, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, "a most efficient and able officer, both of instruction and government," performed regularly the chapel duties of the president during the vacancy in that office.

In September, 1807, in consequence of the death of President McKeen, it became necessary to choose his successor. Some perplexity arose in consequence of the number of applicants for the position,



but finally the Boards made selection of Reverend Jesse Appleton, A. M., Dartmouth, who was at the time settled in the ministry in Hampton, New Hampshire. His inauguration took place in December of the same year.

“ President Appleton brought to the discharge of his duties a conscientiousness which forbade him to relax any effort, and a deep sense of responsibility both for the literary reputation and the moral and religious welfare of the institution. He possessed also rational views of collegiate discipline, great discretion, unshrinking integrity, an uncommon spirit of command, true love of learning, cultivated taste, habits of close application, and a delicacy and refinement of character which could not be surpassed. He had gained in a degree unusual for one of his age the respect of the clergy, both of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as may be inferred from the fact that in 1803 he was one of the two most prominent candidates for the Theological Chair of Harvard University. The selection of such an individual for the presidency of the college was deemed highly auspicious. But he was called at the outset to encounter peculiar trials. Not to mention the relaxation of discipline likely to ensue on account of the protracted illness of the former president, and the interval between his decease and the coming of a successor, it was a time when there was throughout the community a tendency to looseness of sentiment and character. At no period in the history of our colleges has there been more recklessness on the part of youth. The habits of society, which then made the use of intoxicating liquors an essential even of common hospitality, exerted a most deleterious influence on all our colleges. . . . By the unwearied assiduity, however, of President Appleton, by a uniform system of discipline, great energy, and firmness tempered with parental solicitude for the welfare of his pupils, and the influence of high moral and religious principle, which pervaded in an uncommon degree all his intercourse with the students, the difficulties to which we have alluded were gradually overcome, and under his administration the college acquired high repute for good morals as well as sound scholarship.”

In the month of June, 1808, a few students associated themselves together for literary purposes, under the name of the “Athenæan Society of Bowdoin College.” Henry Wood was the first president. This society for a few years surpassed its rival the Peucinian, but soon languished, and in 1811 was temporarily discontinued. It was revived again in 1813, but was again disbanded in 1816 and its library divided. In 1818 it was again revived, and has continued till the

present time. In 1820 the General Society was formed, and Levi Stowell was chosen as its first president. In 1822 its library was injured in the burning of Maine Hall, in which it was kept. In 1828 this society was incorporated by an Act of the legislature, and a new seal was adopted.<sup>1</sup> In 1836 its library was again almost totally destroyed by fire. In 1850 it received the cabinet of curiosities and other property of the "Caluvian Society." The membership of this society in 1856, the date of its last catalogue, was as follows: Whole number of members, 885; initiated members, 739; honorary members, 79; members of the General Society, 748; of the College Society, 67. Though these two literary societies still exist, yet neither of them, it is believed, are supported with the former vigor and enthusiasm.

In 1811, Mr. Bowdoin, the steadfast friend of the college, died. He bequeathed to this institution his valuable private library of more than two thousand volumes, besides a large number of pamphlets, charts, maps, and several articles of philosophical apparatus, a valuable collection of minerals, comprising nearly five hundred distinct specimens, arranged by Haüy, nearly four hundred models in crystallography, and a valuable collection of paintings and engravings which he had collected in Europe. The value of this legacy was certainly not less than \$15,000.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the college, on May 19, 1812, it was voted "that in consideration of the great munificence of the late Honorable James Bowdoin, Esquire, toward this institution, and the interest taken by it in his lamented decease, it is expedient and becoming that public notice be taken of the event; and therefore, voted, that the secretary of this Board be requested to deliver, at the ensuing Commencement, an eulogy on his memory." The Board of Overseers concurred in this request, and at the ensuing Commencement, September 2, the eulogy was delivered by Reverend Mr. Jenks, and was afterwards published in pamphlet form by a vote of the Boards.

This year Reverend William Jenks, A. M., Harvard, at that time settled in the ministry at Bath, the secretary of the Board of Trustees, was appointed Professor of Oriental and English Languages. He commenced his duties January 5, 1813. "The erudition of this gentleman, and his classical taste, rendered his services an important acquisition." His appointment was for three years only, and he kept up

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<sup>1</sup> On the seal was engraven a head of Minerva, with the inscription: "Athenæan Society, B. C., Cul. Su. Sci. Cor." The abbreviations are for, "Bowdoin College, Cultores suos scientia coronat" (Science crowns her worshippers).

his connection with his society in Bath. Efforts were made to retain him as a permanent instructor, but they were unsuccessful. At this time the finances of the college were in a low state, almost the only source of income being the sale from time to time of some of its wild lands, which were not then of much value.

In 1814 an Act was passed by the General Court, making an annual grant to the several colleges in the Commonwealth, for ten years. The portion allotted to this college was \$3,000, one fourth of which was to be appropriated to the payment of the tuition of indigent students. This year the "Benevolent Society of Bowdoin College" was instituted. It was at first composed entirely of graduates and undergraduates of the college, but it afterwards admitted those not connected with the institution. It was incorporated and had, at one time, funds to the amount of seven hundred dollars. From the printed constitution of the society the following facts are obtained :—

The object of the society was to assist "indigent young men of promising talents and of good moral character in procuring an education at this college." No person could receive pecuniary assistance unless he had been a member of college, for at least one term. Any one of twenty-one years of age or over could become a member by paying one dollar on admission and one dollar annually, or a life member by paying ten dollars. The society received donations of books, furniture, clothing, or money, and the donor could designate the manner in which the gift should be appropriated, "provided it be for an object consistent with the design of the society." One half of the money received into the treasury and not appropriated by the donors was reserved as a permanent fund, of which only the annual income could be used.

The death of President Appleton occurred in November, 1819, and in consequence thereof a special meeting of the Boards was called in December, to elect his successor. Their choice fell upon Reverend William Allen, A. M., Harvard, of Hanover, New Hampshire, who had been president of Dartmouth College. In September previous, Samuel P. Newman, A. M., Harvard, was elected to the professorship of Latin and Greek, which had been rendered vacant by the resignation, in 1816, of Professor Abbot. The new professor and president were both inaugurated in May, 1820.

The formation of the new State of Maine in 1820 affected considerably the welfare of the college.

In the "Act of Separation," passed by the legislature of Massachusetts, June, 1819, it was provided that the grants already made to the



college, which would not expire under four years, should continue in full force after the District of Maine became a State, and that all the chartered rights of the college should be enjoyed without change, "except by judicial process according to the principles of law. By the Constitution of Maine, on the other hand, the legislature were restrained from making any grant to any literary institution, unless they should have a certain right of control over such institution." The trustees and overseers of the college, therefore, deemed it wise to vest such right of control in the legislature of Maine, in order to be able to derive aid from the State. Accordingly an application was made by them to the legislatures of both States "for their assent to such modifications of the college charter as would remove any impediment in the way of the college receiving patronage from the legislature of Maine."

In response to this petition, the legislature of Massachusetts, on June 12 of this year, passed a resolve giving their consent to the alteration of the clause in the "Act of Separation" which referred to this college, provided the legislature of Maine consented thereto, and that the alteration did not affect the rights or interests of the Commonwealth. Four days later, the legislature of Maine passed an Act, so far modifying the "Act of Separation" as that the powers and privileges of the president, trustees, and overseers of the college should be subject to be "altered, limited, restrained, or extended by the legislature of the State of Maine, as shall by the said legislature be judged necessary to promote the best interests of said institution." The college having given its assent to this Act, the legislature of Maine granted a continuance of the sum which had been given by Massachusetts, and which had been appropriated for the purpose from a tax on the banks. By the power given them in this Act, the legislature also, in March, 1821, passed another Act increasing the number of trustees to twenty-five and of overseers to sixty, and the governor and council, by authority granted by the same Act, proceeded to fill by appointment the places which had been thus created. In this way thirty-three individuals were introduced into the two Boards.

The college buildings at this time were three in number, arranged to form the three sides of a square, but at suitable intervals from each other. The southern building was of wood and two stories high. The lower apartment contained the library, consisting at that time of about six thousand volumes. The building on the north was a large, square brick building, three stories high, divided into apartments for the philosophical apparatus, laboratory, mineralogical cabinet, etc. The

eastern building was of brick, and was four stories high, and contained thirty-two rooms for students.

In 1822 an additional building, Winthrop Hall, was erected for dormitories. In March of this year, Maine Hall took fire and the entire interior was burnt, though the walls were not materially injured. The fire was discovered at three o'clock in the afternoon, and when first noticed was beyond control. It is supposed to have caught in the garret, but no satisfactory knowledge of its origin can be given. The loss by this fire was considerable. The building alone cost \$16,000. The theological library, consisting of from three to four hundred volumes, was almost entirely consumed. Twelve of the students lost all their wearing apparel, except what they had on at the time, together with their furniture and bedding. The private property thus lost was estimated at the time at not far from \$1,500.

This severe blow to the prosperity of the college was averted by the public liberality. Individual donations were extensively made, and contributions were received in a large number of the churches in Maine and Massachusetts, and thus the loss was fully repaired.

In 1824 two new professorships were created. Reverend Thomas C. Upham, A. M., Dartmouth, who was settled in the ministry in Rochester, New Hampshire, was chosen Professor of Metaphysics and Ethics; and Samuel P. Newman, Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory. They were inaugurated in February of the following year. Professor Newman also conducted the recitations in civil polity and political economy, and Hebrew was taught by Professor Upham.

This year Alpheus S. Packard, A. M., a graduate of the college in the class of 1816, who had been a tutor since 1819, was chosen Professor of Languages and Classical Literature.

Professor Packard was the son of Reverend Doctor Hezekiah Packard, and was born in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, on December 23, 1798. His connection with the college for a period of fifty-eight years is evidence not only of the high esteem in which he has always been held by the public, as well as by his colleagues and the alumni, but is also a proof of the wisdom originally displayed in his selection. Professor Packard, in addition to the professorship to which he was originally chosen, was appointed from 1842 to 1845 to fill the vacancy in the Chair of Rhetoric and Oratory, and in 1864 was made Professor of Natural and Revealed Religion. In addition to his college duties, he has, from time to time, supplied the pulpit in the churches of the neighboring towns. In 1860 he was honored with the title of S. T. D. from this college. In 1828 he was elected a member of the Maine Histori-

cal Society, in which he has for some years held and still holds the office of secretary. He has also for several years been one of its standing committee.

In 1825, William Smyth, A. M., a graduate of this college in the class of 1822, who had been a tutor for two years previously, was appointed Associate Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. In 1828 he was made a professor in full. This year, 1825, a branch of the literary society of graduates, known as the Phi Beta Kappa, of which there is a branch in nearly all of the older colleges of the country, was organized at this college.

In 1826 the first graduation<sup>1</sup> of a student belonging to the colored race occurred. John B. Russworm, afterwards governor of Liberia, was the name of this individual.

In 1829, Henry W. Longfellow, A. M., a graduate of the class of 1825, was chosen to the professorship of Modern Languages, towards the foundation of which \$1,000 had been bequeathed by Mrs. Dearborn, formerly the widow of Honorable James Bowdoin. Professor Longfellow resigned his office in 1835, having been invited to a similar professorship in Harvard University. What is usually designated as "Commons Hall" was built this year. It was designed, and for many years was used, as a dining-room for the students. It is now used as a laboratory of analytical chemistry.

In March, 1831, an Act was passed by the legislature which provided that no person then holding the office of president in any college in the State should hold said office beyond the day of the next Commencement of the college, unless he should be re-elected; and that no person should be elected or *re-elected* to the office of president unless he should receive in each Board two thirds of all the votes given on the question of his election; and that any person elected to said office should be liable to be removed at the pleasure of the Board or Boards which should elect him. It was furthermore provided that the fees usually paid to the president for degrees should be paid into the treasury, for the use of the college, and be no longer a perquisite of office. "This unprecedented act of legislation excited the deep concern of all who felt an interest in the permanency and stability of our literary institutions. Though applicable alike to both colleges of the State, its immediate object and direct bearing no one has ever pretended to disguise."

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<sup>1</sup> In 1858 a colored gentleman named Jacob M. Moore was graduated from the Medical School.



At their next meeting the trustees and overseers voted to acquiesce in this act of the legislature, and at once proceeded to choose a president, but failed in consequence of their inability to get a two-thirds majority in both Boards. A committee of the two Boards was chosen to petition the legislature for a repeal of the provision of the Act requiring a two-thirds majority in each Board. President Allen, however, did not wait the result of this petition, but at once proceeded to test the constitutionality of this legislative enactment by a suit in the Circuit Court of the United States. The case was argued before Honorable Joseph Story, associate justice of the Supreme Court, and Honorable Ashur Ware, district judge. The decision of the court had not only an important bearing upon the welfare of this college, but was also one which involved the chartered rights of all such institutions, and is deserving, therefore, of more particular mention in these pages.

The following abstract of this decision is taken from a published sketch of the college by Professor Packard, from which we have already freely quoted:—<sup>1</sup>

“ 1. A college established for the promotion of learning and piety is a private and not a public corporation. In the charter of Bowdoin College the visitatorial power is intrusted to the Boards of Trustees and Overseers; as soon as they accepted the charter, they acquired a permanent right and title in their offices, which could not be diverted except in the manner pointed out in the charter. The legislature was bound by the Act; they could not resume their grant, and they could not touch the vested rights, privileges, or franchises of the college, except so far as the power was reserved by the sixteenth section of the Act. The language of that section is certainly very broad, but it is not unlimited. It is there declared that the legislature ‘may grant further powers to, or alter, limit, annul, or restrain any of the powers by this Act vested in the said corporation, *as shall be judged necessary to promote the best interest of the college.*’ Whatever it may do, then, must be done to promote the best interest of the college. It is true that it is constituted the sole judge of what is the best interest of the college; but still it cannot do anything *pointedly destructive of that interest.* Its authority is confined to the enlarging, altering, annulling or restraining of the *powers* of the corporation. It cannot intermeddle with its *property*; it cannot extinguish its corporate existence; it cannot resume all its property, and annihilate all its powers and fran-

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*For the full text of this decision see Allen v. McKeen, 1 Sumner's Report, 276.*

chises. The legislature must leave its vitality and property, and enable it still to act as a college. It cannot remove the trustees or overseers, though it may abridge, as well as enlarge, their powers.

“2. Bowdoin College has never surrendered any of its rights. Whatever may have been the intentions of those concerned, at the outset, in regard to a surrender of the college to the State, there has been a miscarriage of the parties; it never has been *de jure* under the control of the legislature of Maine.

“3. But admitting that the college, as was contemplated, did come under the control of the legislature of Maine, when it is stated in the Act modifying the college charter, that the president and trustees and overseers of Bowdoin College shall enjoy their powers and privileges, subject to be altered, limited, restrained, or extended by the legislature, no authority is conferred upon the legislature to add new members to the Boards by its own nomination or by that of the governor and Council of the State. That would be an extension, not of the powers and privileges of the Boards, but of the legislative action over them. If the legislature could add one new member of its own choice or appointment, it could add any number whatsoever. It could annihilate the powers and privileges of the charter Boards under the pretence of alteration or extension. The legislature might authorize an enlargement of the Boards, but the places thus created must be filled by the Boards themselves.

“4. The Act of the legislature, removing the presidents of Bowdoin and Waterville Colleges out of office at a certain time, is a direct exercise of a power which was expressly and exclusively conferred on the College Boards by the original charter, and which has never been taken from them.

“5. President Allen was in office under a lawful contract made with the Boards, by which contract he was to hold that office during good behavior. The Act of the legislature directly impairs the obligations of that contract. It takes away from him his tenure of office, and removes him from it. Holding his office during good behavior, he could not be removed from it except for gross misbehavior; and then only by the Boards, in the manner pointed out in the original charter. Immediately upon the decision of the court being announced, President Allen resumed the discharge of the duties of his office.”

In 1835, Daniel R. Goodwin, then a tutor in college, succeeded Longfellow as Professor of Modern Languages. He served in this capacity until 1853, when he resigned, for the purpose of accepting the presidency of Trinity College, Connecticut.

President Allen resigning in 1839, Reverend Leonard Woods, of Bangor Theological Seminary, son of Reverend Leonard Woods, a well-known divine, was elected as his successor. President Woods was at that time well known for his scholarly culture and attainments, and his reputation has steadily increased. In 1839 he received the honorary degree of D. D. from Waterville College, and in 1846 from Harvard College. In 1866 he received that of LL. D. from Bowdoin. He was not only an eminent scholar and a fine teacher, but he attracted students by his courteous demeanor and by his lenient disposition. He resigned in 1866, after a period of service extending over twenty-seven years.— a much longer service than that of any previous president.

In 1842 a professorship of Political Economy was founded, and Alpheus S. Packard was chosen as the first professor in that branch. He was succeeded in 1845 by Henry H. Boody, then a tutor.

On July 16 of this latter year, the corner-stone of King Chapel was laid with Masonic ceremonies. There were present the Grand Lodge of Maine, the Boston Encampment of Knight Templars, the Portland Encampment of Knight Templars, the Mount Vernon Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Portland, the Montgomery Chapter of Bath, Ancient Landmark Lodge of Portland, Solar Lodge of Bath, Freeport Lodge of Freeport, and United Lodge of Brunswick. At the northwest angle of the ground there was a raised platform, upon which were the officers of the college, the Grand Lodge, and the Knight Templars. President Woods read the psalm "*Lætatus sum*," and made an address. Prayer was offered by Reverend William T. Dwight, and John T. Paine, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, assisted by Honorable Robert P. Dunlap, ex-Grand Master, then laid the stone in due form. A silver plate provided by the college, and one provided by the Grand Lodge, were then deposited in the proper receptacle in the stone.

In 1855 the new chapel was completed. The entire cost was \$45,000. On June 7 it was dedicated. The services of the occasion consisted of a selection from the Scriptures and a prayer by Reverend George E. Adams, a hymn, an address by President Woods, a second hymn, a sermon by Professor Hitchcock, and a concluding prayer by Reverend Doctor Dwight. The services were attended by the undergraduates, many graduates, the college boards and faculty, and many friends of the college, who assembled in the library, from whence they moved to the chapel in a procession conducted by Honorable Charles J. Gilman as marshal.



In 1848 a professorship of Rhetoric and Elocution was founded, that of Political Economy being merged in it, and Professor Henry H. Boody was appointed to this office. He was succeeded in 1856 by Egbert C. Smyth, son of Professor William Smyth, a graduate of the college in 1848, and a tutor in 1849.

A professorship of Natural and Revealed Religion was founded in 1850 by subscriptions among the Orthodox Congregationalists, and Calvin E. Stowe, D. D., of the class of 1829, an eminent scholar and theologian, was chosen to that office. He was succeeded in 1852 by Roswell D. Hitchcock, a graduate of Amherst in 1836, now of New York City. In 1856, Professor E. C. Smyth was transferred to this chair, and Joshua L. Chamberlain, of the class of 1852, was appointed to the Chair of Rhetoric and Oratory. In 1858, William Russell, a distinguished elocutionist, assisted in his branch.

Professor Goodwin resigned in 1855, and Charles Carroll Everett, now a professor in Harvard College, occupied the Chair of Modern Languages for two years, from 1855 to 1857. He was succeeded by Professor Chamberlain for two years, when William A. Packard, class of 1851, now professor at Princeton, gave the instruction for one year. In 1861, Professor Chamberlain was again placed in the Chair of Modern Languages, that of Rhetoric and Oratory being filled in 1862 by Reverend Eliphalet Whittlesey, a graduate of Yale.

In August of this year, 1862, Professor Chamberlain resigned his office to go into the army for the period of the war then raging. The boards, however, granted him leave of absence instead of accepting his resignation, and Stephen J. Young, class of 1859, was made Provisional Instructor in Modern Languages, to which, on Professor Chamberlain's resigning in 1865, he was elected as professor.

Professor Whittlesey also went into the army, and the duties of his chair were performed by members of the faculty. At the close of the war Professor Whittlesey resigned, and General Chamberlain was re-elected to the Chair of Rhetoric and Oratory, which, however, he again resigned in 1866, to accept the office of governor of Maine. He was followed by John S. Sewall, class of 1850, who held the chair until 1875, when Professor Henry L. Chapman, Bowdoin, class of 1866, was transferred to this from the Chair of Latin.

In 1859, Paul A. Chadbourne, a graduate of Williams, was chosen Professor of Chemistry and Natural History. He was succeeded in 1863 by Cyrus F. Brackett, a graduate in 1859, tutor in 1863. In 1864, Professor Brackett was appointed Adjunct Professor of Natural Science, and in 1865 to a full professorship in the Josiah Little Chair of

Natural Science, to which, however, in 1868, George L. Goodale, a graduate of Amherst in 1860, was elected.

In 1862, William P. Tucker, class of 1854, tutor since 1857, was instructor in mathematics for one year. He had, in the mean time, as librarian, prepared an elaborate and valuable catalogue of the college library. In 1865, Edward N. Packard, tutor since 1863, was instructor, and in 1866 Adjunct Professor of Mathematics. The death of Professor Smyth in 1868, while intensely engaged upon the building of Memorial Hall, left the Chair of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy vacant, and Charles E. Rockwood, a graduate of Yale, was chosen to the place.

In 1864, Professor E. C. Smyth resigned the Chair of Natural and Revealed Religion, and was succeeded by Professor Alpheus S. Packard, who was transferred from the Chair of Ancient Languages, to which, in 1865, Reverend Jotham B. Sewall, class of 1848, tutor in 1851, was chosen. In 1871, Henry L. Chapman was chosen Adjunct Professor of Latin, and in 1872 a full professor.

In 1865 the alumni of the college voted to erect a building to be called Memorial Hall, in honor of the graduates and students of the college who had died in the civil war. A subscription was at once started to carry the plan into execution, and a committee was raised for the purpose. A sufficient amount of funds was raised to warrant the prosecution of the work, and the corner-stone was accordingly laid in 1866. The outside of the building has since been completed, but enough funds have not yet been secured to enable it to be finished inside. When more prosperous times return, there is scarcely a doubt but that the original intention will be carried out.

President Woods resigning in 1866, Reverend Samuel Harris, S. T. D., a graduate of 1833, was elected to his place in 1867. He took upon himself, also, the duties of the Professor of Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics, Professor Upham being that year honored with the *Emeritus* title.

In 1871 the eminent scholar, civilian, and general, Ex-Governor Chamberlain, was chosen to succeed President Harris, and at this time quite a reorganization of the college occurred. A scientific department was established and several new chairs of instruction were founded. George L. Vose, C. E., was elected Professor of Civil Engineering; Edward S. Morse, Ph. D., of Salem, Professor of Comparative Anatomy and Zoölogy; Mr. James B. Taylor, Provisional Professor of Elocution and Oratory; the Chair of Latin was separated from that of Greek; and United States officers were brought here by

orders of the government, — Brevet Major J. P. Sanger, Fourth United States Artillery, as Professor of Military Science, and John N. McClintock, class of 1867, of the United States Coast Survey, as instructor in Topographical Engineering.

In 1872, Professor Brackett was made Professor of Chemistry and Physics, and Robert L. Packard, class of 1868, Assistant Professor of Applied Chemistry, for one year. In 1873, however, Professors Brackett and Goodale resigned, and Henry Carmichael, a graduate of Amherst and of Göttingen, Germany, was elected Professor of Chemistry and Physics, and Doctor Charles A. White, of Iowa, Josiah Little Professor of Natural Science. In the winter of the same year, Professor Rockwood resigned, and Charles H. Smith, a graduate of Yale, was Professor of Mathematics. Doctor White resigned in 1875, and the instruction has since been given by different persons, Professor A. S. Packard, Jr., class of 1861, giving an annual course of lectures on entomology; Mr. George L. Chandler, class of 1868, giving instruction in natural history in 1875-6; and Mr. Leslie A. Lee, a graduate of St. Lawrence University (Canton, N. Y.), class of 1872, in 1876-7.

In connection with the new plan, arrangements were also made for other instruction in various branches, should such be needed. Professor Paul A. Chadbourne was engaged to give the instruction in mental philosophy. Exercise in the gymnasium was made regular and obligatory, and military science and tactics were required to a certain extent, of all not specially excused. Professor Chadbourne was succeeded in 1873 by Reverend E. C. Cummings, and by President Mark Hopkins in 1874. This year, however, the Edward Little Chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy was founded, and President Chamberlain was chosen as professor.

In 1875, Major Sanger's detail expired, and Brevet Captain Louis V. Caziarc, First United States Artillery, was appointed in his place as Professor of Military Science and Tactics. Mr. Charles H. Moore has been instructor in Latin since Professor Chapman's resignation, except one year, when Professor A. H. Davis held the chair provisionally.

Professor Young, having accepted the office of treasurer, relinquished the duties of his chair, and they were performed for one year by Instructor Moore, and since then by Charles E. Springer, class of 1874.

In 1873 the old Commons Hall was remodelled into a laboratory of analytical chemistry, and Mr. F. C. Robinson was chosen instructor



in that department of chemistry. The same year the lower floor of Memorial Hall was fitted up as a gymnasium. Honorable Peleg W. Chandler, of Boston, also, this year, remodelled old Massachusetts Hall into a beautiful room, called the Cleaveland Cabinet, in memory of the late Professor Parker Cleaveland.

A picture gallery has also been finished in the chapel, over the library. Two fine pictures have been added to the panels of the chapel, one given by Mrs. William S. Perry, in memory of her husband, the subject being "The Transfiguration"; the other, "Moses giving the Law," which is the beautiful memento left by the class of 1877. The last makes the seventh of the pictures which have been, from time to time, added to the chapel panels.

Since 1872 over \$25,000 have been given the college as scholarships to aid deserving students, and \$100,000 towards a general endowment of the college.

Measures have been taken to endow a "Longfellow Professorship of Modern Languages," and a "Cleaveland Professorship of Chemistry and Mineralogy." Efforts are also being made to add the "Upham Professorship of Mental Philosophy."

Many valuable gifts have been made the college in the way of books and natural-history collections. Especially notable are the collection of Mrs. Frederick Allen, of Gardiner, comprising more than one thousand specimens, including many from Mount *Ætna*, presented by her daughter, Mrs. Elton, of Boston; the Cushman collection of birds of Maine; and the Blake herbarium.

The whole number of graduates from the college up to 1876 is one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven. The number of students at present is about one hundred and thirty-seven, and of officers of instruction, fifteen.

The number of volumes in the college library is 17,500; in the medical library, 4,000; in the libraries of the Athenæan and Peucinian Societies, 13,100; and in the Historical Society's library, which is placed in a room of the college chapel, 3,000: making a total of books accessible to the student of 37,600 volumes. Large additions have also been made to the chemical and physical apparatus.

The public buildings of the college are at present:—

**MASSACHUSETTS HALL**, containing the Cleaveland Cabinet, lecture-room, and treasurer's office.

**WINTHROP HALL**, containing, on the lower floor, the engineering-rooms and recitation-rooms, the upper floors being used as dormitories.

**MAINE HALL**, having on the lower floors the Athenæan and Peu-

cinian Societies' libraries and recitation-rooms; and on the upper floor, dormitories.

APPLETON HALL, containing dormitories.

KING CHAPEL, containing the picture gallery, library-rooms, and Historical Society's rooms.

ADAMS HALL, containing the lecture-rooms of chemistry and physics, and the rooms of the Medical School.

ANALYTICAL LABORATORY and MEMORIAL HALL, containing gymnasium. These buildings, with the exception of Adams Hall and the Analytical Laboratory, will, when the original plan is completed, form a quadrangle, the side towards the public road being open.

The present total estimated value of the college property, real estate and permanent material, is \$375,000; the productive funds are \$244,000; the total annual income is \$30,000.

Besides the three literary societies of the college, already mentioned, it is proper to add that there have been, from time to time, several secret associations formed, which are presumably for literary purposes. The principal ones, if not all, are designated as the Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Psi, Psi Upsilon, and Theta Delta Chi. The history of these societies is, of course, known only to the initiated.

#### THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF MAINE.

In 1820 an Act was passed by the legislature, establishing a Medical School, to be connected with Bowdoin College, and also making an annual grant of \$1,000, during the pleasure of the legislature, for the promotion of the objects designed in its establishment. Doctor Nathan Smith, a member of several societies, both in this country and in Europe, founder of the Medical School of New Hampshire, and an eminent physician and surgeon, was appointed Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine. He also assumed the duties of instructor in anatomy and surgery. He was assisted in the latter branches by Doctor John D. Wells, who had just taken his medical degree at Cambridge. At the close of the first course of lectures, Doctor Wells was chosen to fill the Chair of Anatomy, and immediately sailed for Europe, where he spent nearly two years, preparing himself for the discharge of the duties of his office. After a short but brilliant career as a lecturer at this college, at the Berkshire Medical Institution, and at Baltimore, he died, and was succeeded in 1831 by Doctor Reuben D. Mussey.

In 1825 the Chair of Obstetrics was founded, and Doctor James

McKeen was appointed professor. Doctor McKeen prepared himself for the duties of his office by a preliminary study in the lying-in hospitals of Europe, and served acceptably until 1839, when he resigned, and was succeeded by Ebenezer Wells, M. D., as lecturer.

In 1846 the Chair of Materia Medica and Therapeutics was founded, and Doctor Charles A. Lee was chosen as lecturer, and in 1854 as professor. He resigned in 1859, and was succeeded by Doctor Israel T. Dana as lecturer and afterwards as professor in full. Doctor Thorndike resigned in 1861, and was succeeded by Doctor William C. Robinson.

In 1849 the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence was founded, and Honorable John S. Tenney was chosen as lecturer.

In 1857 the Chair of Anatomy was separated from that of Surgery and joined to that of Physiology, and Doctor David S. Conant was elected, at first as lecturer, and afterwards as professor. He was succeeded in 1863 by Doctor Corydon L. Ford. Edmund R. Peaslee, M. D., who had been chosen as Lecturer on Anatomy and Surgery in 1843, and as a professor in these branches in 1845, was in 1857 appointed Professor of Surgery.

From 1820 until his death in 1858, Professor Parker Cleaveland gave an annual course of lectures on chemistry to the medical students.

Under the influence and by the exertions of these gentlemen and their successors, this Medical School has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity. At first, and for many years, the lectures were given in the upper room of Massachusetts Hall, but in 1861 the Adams Hall was built expressly for the accommodation of this school.

The present accommodations are ample, and the school has a valuable cabinet and an excellent library of choice works and expensive plates. Clinical instruction is given several times a week, and students can have the privilege of occasional visits to the hospitals of Portland at but slight expense.

This school, during the fifty-seven years of its existence, has graduated one thousand one hundred and seventy-four pupils, of whom seventy have been alumni of Bowdoin College. The last class numbered ninety members, and the present number of instructors is ten. The following is a list of the professors and lecturers not already mentioned:—

Of Chemistry, Professors Paul A. Chadbourne, Cyrus F. Brackett, and Henry Carmichael; of Theory and Practice, Henry H. Childs, Daniel Oliver, Professor John De La Mater, Professor William



Sweetzer, William Perry, James McKeen, Israel T. Dana, Professor Alonzo B. Palmer, and Alfred Mitchell, Adjunct Professor; of Anatomy and Surgery, Jedediah Cobb, and Joseph Roby; of Anatomy and Physiology, Professors Thomas T. Sabine and Thomas Dwight; of Anatomy, Professors Thomas Dwight and Stephen H. Weeks; of Physiology, Professors Robert Amory and Burt G. Wilder; of Surgery, Professors Timothy Childs, David S. Conant, and William W. Green; Lecturers, Alpheus B. Crosby and Thomas T. Sabine; of Obstetrics, Benjamin F. Barker, Professor Amos Nourse, Theodore H. Jewett, Professors William C. Robinson, Edward W. Jenks, and Alfred Mitchell; of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Professors Dana, William C. Robinson, George L. Goodale, and Frederic H. Gerrish; of Medical Jurisprudence, Cyrus F. Brackett, John Appleton, and Professor Charles W. Goddard.

This school has exerted a very marked influence on the interests of medical science, and also upon the general interests of education in the State, and has annually sent forth a corps of physicians qualified not only to cope vigorously with the unseen, though certain foe of the human race, but who have also shown themselves, hitherto, alive to the material welfare and best interests of the State, and have thus far more than repaid the amount expended upon the school by the State.

## CHAPTER XIX.

## PUBLIC LANDS, ROADS, BRIDGES, ETC.

## PUBLIC LANDS.

IN addition to the ministerial lot, lot for the first settled minister, and the school lot which were granted to Brunswick and Topsham, there was another tract of land given to the town of Brunswick to be owned in common by the inhabitants, and sundry pieces of marsh land, which did not come into the lots as laid out by the proprietors in the several towns, were allowed to be used in common by the settlers upon whose lands they bordered.

**BRUNSWICK TOWN COMMONS.** — The Town Commons of Brunswick originated in a vote of the proprietors, May 8, 1719, "That one Thousand Acres of Land with in the Township of Brunswick be Laid out; To L<sup>y</sup> in General & perpetual comonage to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Town of Brunswick Forever."<sup>1</sup>

Nothing further was done until February 3, 1742, when the proprietors passed a vote that "the one thousand Acres as laid down in the Plan of the Township of Brunswick which was granted by the Proprietors of Brunswick the eighth day of May 1719 be reserved for a General and perpetual Commonage to the Town of Brunswick forever."<sup>2</sup>

No further action was taken until June 10, 1771, when, at a meeting of the proprietors, it was voted that their agent be authorized to execute a deed of the 1,000 acres given for a Town Commons to any committee appointed by the town to receive it.<sup>3</sup>

The next year the town at its annual meeting voted to choose a committee "to lay out that 1,000 acres of land that was granted to this town by the Proprietors for a town commonage." It will be noticed that this committee was not chosen to receive a deed of the land.

In 1773 the town voted to accept the gift of the Commons and of

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<sup>1</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

the roads, granted the town by the proprietors, with the proviso that the town should not be obliged to clear any roads which were not needed.

In 1774 the selectmen were instructed to lay out the 1,000 acres of Commons and have it marked and a plan made in order that the town might get a deed of it.

At a town meeting, held May 12, 1778, it was voted to have the Commons laid out, but the clause in the warrant relative to applying to the proprietors for a deed was laid on the table till the next meeting. At a meeting, held on the tenth of June, of this year, it was voted to lay out the Commons agreeable to the minutes that were read, viz:—Said Commons to be bounded on the head of Middle Bay lots and to extend northerly between and adjoining upon the lots that fronts upon the twelve rod road and the lots that fronts upon Mericonege Marshes and upon the lots that fronts upon New Meadows River until 1000 acres be completed." Captain James Thompson protested against this vote. Captain William Stanwood, Jr., Mr. Andrew Dunning, and Captain John Simmons were chosen a committee to superintend the laying out of the Commons, and Stephen Getchell was chosen as the surveyor. At a meeting, held December 25, it was voted to accept the survey of the Commons as laid out by the above-named committee. It was also voted "not to accept of a deed of said Commons from Doctor Noyes by Esquire Hinkley's survey"; and Thomas Skolfield, Deacon Samuel Stanwood, and Andrew Dunning were chosen a committee to correspond with Doctor Belcher Noyes, proprietors' clerk, concerning the Commons.

At the annual meeting in 1779 the selectmen were directed to procure a deed of the Commons as soon as possible, and the committee that was chosen to lay out the Commons were directed to complete their work as soon as possible. The selectmen were also instructed to take the most effectual way to secure for the benefit of the town the lumber growth on the Commons. In response to the notification of the selectmen, Belcher Noyes, the proprietors' agent, executed the following deed:—

"TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME BELCHER NOYES  
OF BOSTON IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK & COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS ESQ

"SENDS GREETING.

"Whereas in the first Settlement of the Town of Brunswick there was allowed & granted by the Original Proprietors of said Township One thousand Acres of Land within the said Township to be laid out,



to lay in general and perpetual Commonage: And whereas the said Proprietors at their meeting duly warned according to law held by Adjournment at Boston June 10<sup>th</sup> 1771 Voted, That Belcher Noyes Esq be and hereby is impowered to execute a Deed of said one thousand acres as laid down in the plan of said Township to the Selectmen of said Town of Brunswick in trust for that purpose.

“ Now know yee, That I the said Belcher Noyes, in pursuance of said vote empowering me hereunto, and to the intent that the Town of Brunswick may hold & enjoy the Benefitt of said Grant of one thousand acres of Land for the purpose above mentioned, for & in consideration of Twenty shillings by me received of Nathaniel Larrabee, Andrew Duning, & William Standwood, the present Selectmen of the Town of Brunswick in the County of Cumberland & said Commonwealth Do by these presents Grant convey & confirm unto the said Nathaniel Larrabee, Andrew Duning, & William Standwood, the Selectmen of said Town of Brunswick in Trust to and for the use & improvement of the Inhabitants of said Town forever One thousand acres of Land within the said Town of Brunswick as described & laid down in the Plan of said Township taken by James Scales Surveyor, as follows viz<sup>t</sup>:

“ Extending from the rear Line of the Lotts at Maquoit & Middle Bay, on a course northeast till you come to the County road, leading to New Meadows, including all the Land bounding Northwest on the rear of the Lotts on Maquoit road & Southeast on the rear of the Lotts at New Meadows up to said county road, to bound northeast on said county road according to the course thereof & southwest on the rear line of the Lotts at Maquoit & Middle Bay. And in case there should be more than one thousand acres of Land contained in said Bounds above described, the overplus be it more or less is hereby appropriated & granted for the support of the Gospel in the said Town of Brunswick forever: that is to say, To the use & improvement of the Reverend Mr. John Miller the present Pastor of the Church in said Town of Brunswick & his successors in said office forever.

“ To Have and to Hold the said one thousand acres of Land & no more as above described, unto them the said Nathaniel Larrabee, Andrew Duning, & William Standwood, the present Selectmen of the Town of Brunswick & their Successors in said office forever to and for the use and improvement of the Inhabitants of said Town of Brunswick forever and no otherwise. And the overplus Quantity contained in said Bounds more than said one thousand acres to be

and remain for the support of the gospel ministry in said town as above mentioned forever: And it is the true intent and meaning of these presents: That the said Inhabitants of said Town of Brunswick shall hold the said one thousand acres of Land above mentioned free and clear of and from any claim or Demand of the said Proprietors of said Town of Brunswick their respective Heirs and assigns forever in as full and ample a manner as the same is derived to them by any ways or means whatsoever. And in Testimony that this Deed shall be held good & valid by them the said Proprietors of said Town of Brunswick at all times hereafter, I the said Belcher Noyes by virtue of the said vote empowering me hereunto do sett my hand & seal to this Instrument as their Act and Deed this fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred eighty one.

“BELCHER NOYES

and a seal

“Signed Sealed & Delivered

in presence of us,

JAMES CHACE

THOMAS PENNELL

“SUFFOLK SS Nov 20 1783

“Then the above named Belcher Noyes Esq. acknowledged this Instrument Executed by him to be his Act & Deed

“Before me,

“JOSEPH GREENLEAF

*Justice Peace.”*

After receiving this deed, the town appears to have taken no further measures in regard to the land until 1808. At the annual meeting of that year, however, a committee was appointed “to apply to the Grantors of the Town Commons, Ministry and School lots, and Marsh,” for permission to sell and dispose of them, the interest arising from the fund thus obtained to be appropriated for the use of the schools or in such other way as the town might think proper. A Committee was also chosen to ascertain the limits of the Commons, in order to ascertain if there was any surplus land for the First Parish. No reply of the proprietors to the request for permission to sell the lands referred to above has been found, but it is evident that no permission was given so far as the sale of the Town Commons was concerned.

In 1811, Isaac Gates, Esquire, and Peter O. Alden, Esquire, were chosen agents of the town to petition the legislature for authority to divide, set off, and convey to the president and trustees of Bowdoin College the two hundred acres of the Commons, which by vote of the

town, May 2, 1791, afterwards confirmed by a vote of the proprietors, was granted to the before-mentioned officers of the college.

On July 4, 1834, the committee chosen by the town at the annual meeting in May, to examine into the bounds of the Town Commons, reported substantially as follows, after recapitulating the foregoing votes of the town and of the proprietors.

They state that the land was not measured until February, 1741, when Scales's plan of the town was made, at which time the Commons were located. They say that this plan had governed the proprietors in making all their deeds and grants, and that a copy of this plan was the only one ever recognized by the town. At or soon after the time the town received the deed of the land, several surveys were made of the Commons, one of which was made by Stephen Getchell for the town. The proprietors employed Aaron Hinkley and John Merrill to survey the Commons. These two surveys were made from the same description, but differed from each other by the amount of four hundred and ninety-nine acres. As the town and proprietors could not agree as to the contents of what was included within the given boundaries of the Commons, and as the proprietors were unwilling, in consequence of a disagreement with the town in regard to the taxation of their lands, to deed any more than the 1,000 acres which they had previously granted, they agreed, in order to settle the controversy, upon the boundaries as settled in the deed, but with the reservation that any surplus that there might be should "go to the support of the gospel in said town of Brunswick forever."

The Commons remained without any authorized survey on the part of the town until 1811, when the legislature of Massachusetts empowered Jacob Abbot and John Perry, Jr., to set off to Bowdoin College its two hundred acres. They performed their duty, and monuments were placed around the two hundred acres. In 1816 a committee of the First Parish applied to the town to join them in setting off the overplus of the Town Commons. This was done October 28 of that year. The object of the parish was effected, and they sold the overplus to Mr. John Given, and their boundaries were still kept up, though at that time the Commons were without permanent boundaries. The committee proceed to state that they had followed the courses of the previous committees, and had measured their distances, but found them leading far from the truth, no two reputed monuments or marks of trees agreeing with each other. They decided not to make a new survey on account of the expense and owing to the fact that the old First Parish would have reaped the benefits at the town's expense.



They recommended that before having the Commons surveyed, the town should procure a quitclaim deed from the First Parish of any further right than they had already received. Also, that when a survey was made, permanent monuments should be placed at all the corners, and a plan of the survey be reported to the town. This report of the committee was accepted by the town.

A committee was chosen by the town this year to examine the Commons in regard to the practicability and advisability of having the town farm there. This committee reported in August of that year, and the town ordered the report to be printed, and instructed the selectmen to have the Commons surveyed. The selectmen were also directed to petition the legislature for permission to use the Commons for agricultural purposes, or to dispose of it, should the town ever so direct. The prayer of this petition was not granted. They were directed, moreover, to "procure a release of the Town Commons, to sell if the town think best at a future time, from the Pejepscot Proprietors." The town also instructed the selectmen to demand a rent from all persons who had improved any part of the Commons, and to cause the removal of all who did not pay the rent.

At the annual meeting of the town in 1857, Abner B. Thompson, John C. Humphreys, William G. Barrows, Samuel R. Jackson, Richard Greenleaf, and John McKeen were appointed a committee to investigate all matters relating to the Town Commons, ascertain what title the town had to the same, and the boundaries thereof, what encroachments had been made thereon, and all other facts relating to the subject, and were instructed to make a report at some future meeting of the town.

It was also voted at this meeting to petition the legislature to give the town a more full and absolute control of the use and disposal of the Commons, and enable them to receive more benefit from this grant from the proprietors than they could do with the land as it had been. This petition met with the same fate as the earlier one of similar tenor.

The committee to examine into the condition of the Commons reported in 1858. In their report they say that the Commons had been for more than a hundred years a fruitful source of perplexity, trouble, and expense to the town. Though designed for the benefit of the whole, a few had taken the lion's part, stripped it of its wood and timber, and used it otherwise as would best subserve their purposes. The expenses of looking after it had probably been thousands of dollars, and all that had been done resulted in nothing. Depre-

dations had continued from year to year, and continual complaints would be made until some disposition was made which would more effectually secure to the town the enjoyment of it. Until this was done it would continue to be a source of expense, instead of income, to the town.

The committee say that in their preliminary examination for the boundaries of the Commons, it was found difficult to find many of its monuments; many of them had been removed, and the purported boundaries, as given by those living in the proximity of the Commons, failed to give the proper number by nearly or more than one hundred acres. It was found necessary to search for such surveys as had been formerly made. After much trouble and investigation they had accepted the survey of Daniel Given, as settled and agreed to by the First Parish and town, in 1816, and they therefore presented the survey of Charles J. Noyes, which they had unanimously agreed to adopt as part of their report, and they recommended that the town should accept the Given survey as the correct survey of the Commons.

The committee give an account of all the transactions of the town in regard to the Commons, and in relation to the deed they remark, "A conveyance in terms so ample would seem impossible to be construed, except as giving the town the fullest scope and authority in determining the manner in which the 'use and improvements' for the common benefit should be made." They state that the surplus for the "support of the gospel ministry" amounted to about one hundred and ninety-seven acres. They submitted their report without any further recommendation than what has been given. The town accepted the report, and voted also that their agent be empowered and directed to enter into references with the parties whose lots abutted on the Commons, and in case any of these parties declined to refer the matter, the agent was instructed to institute legal proceedings to maintain and protect the rights of the town. It was also voted that when the lines were authoritatively ascertained, the selectmen should cause permanent stone monuments to be erected, to mark clearly the boundaries of the Commons. In accordance with this vote a few monuments were erected, but the Commons remain now, as they always have been, unmarked by any clearly defined bounds. Whether encroachments and depredations upon them have been stayed is not known. If proper measures are taken to prevent further encroachments upon it, the time is certain to come when the whole tract will be of great value and utility as a public park.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Persons interested in this matter of the Town Commons will find the Surveyor's Report on pages 39 and 40 of Volume 5 of Town Records.*

## ROADS.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to locate with certainty many of the roads which were constructed in the last century. With a few exceptions the records are extremely indefinite upon this point. The line of a road was generally indicated by notched trees, piles of stones, stakes driven into the ground, and similar landmarks, which have long since passed away.

With the assistance of Mr. Charles J. Noyes, C. E., — than whom there is no better authority, — we are enabled to give the following account of the more important roads and streets, and we believe that this account is as correct as it is possible at this late day to make it.

The first regular road was constructed in 1717, by order of the proprietors, who voted, June 3, to have a twelve-rod road laid out from the "southerly bastion of Fort George in a straight line to Maquoit," and to have a fence erected from the southerly bastion of the fort over to a small house occupied by Wymond Bradbury, which stood where the cottage now is, at the top of the hill leading to the bridge. This was determined to be the end of the Twelve-Rod road, now Maine Street.<sup>1</sup>

At the same time a road was laid out from the Fort to the Landing-Place, and from the Fort to the Indian Carrying-Place. This road corresponded with what are now Mill, Mason, and Water Streets. The road was originally laid out in a straight line, east and west, and crossed the cove opposite to the end of Mill Street,<sup>2</sup> but it could not have been travelled so on account of the steep declivity on the eastern side of the cove, and the travelled road was, doubtless, from the very first, substantially the same as at present.

A four-rod road was also, in 1717, laid out to run east and west on the south side of the tenth lot, to extend the length of the lot.<sup>3</sup> This was what is now known as McKen Street, on the west side of Maine Street, and it then continued directly across what is now the college grounds in a straight line to the river. Traces of that portion of the road are still to be found. At some time, date unknown, the road across the college grounds was closed up, and what is known as Pine Street, from the Village Cemetery to Varney's Cemetery, was opened in its place.

In 1717 the proprietors made an agreement with Lieutenant Joseph

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records, and Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.*

<sup>2</sup> *Map No. 19 in Pejepscot Collection.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*



Heath for him "to cut a Road or Way through the Woods at least Ten feet broad, clear it, bridge it, & make it passable for Men & Cattle from Fort George the Upperway to Ryalls River being judged about Twenty miles in Length [provided the Men at Ryalls River will engage at their charge to cut & clear a Road from thence to Presumpscot River] for which when finished we will allow s<sup>d</sup> Heath Forty pounds."<sup>1</sup> According to McKeen,<sup>2</sup> this road began at the twelve-rod road, about where General Joshua L. Chamberlain now resides, passed along the high land, westerly, to avoid the swamp, then turned a little towards the river and followed nearly the line of the present Freeport road, but more circuitously, passing over the hill where is now the "deep cut" of the railroad, thence by Oak Hill to Freeport.

Subsequently, probably not far from 1770, the portion of the road from General Chamberlain's towards the river was discontinued, and the travel came in by what is now Mill Street. In Given's map of Brunswick (1795), this was the only road to Yarmouth. The route was about as follows, using *present* localities as a guide. It went along Mill Street to a short distance above the upper railroad bridge, thence along the shore and back of Jackson's burying-ground (where the road is still to be seen), thence westerly, passing along in front of Samuel Blaisdell's house, and so on to the deep cut and thence in nearly a straight course to Walter Merryman's, then easterly over the hill, coming out by James Littlefield's, and then about as now travelled to Lewis Morse's just in front of his house, and then about as now travelled to Freeport.

In 1739, at the first meeting of the town in its corporate capacity, it was "voted that the roads should lay as they were laid out by John Gatchell, James Thompson, and Benjamin Parker."<sup>3</sup> When the roads were laid out by them is not stated, but it could not have been many years previously. The roads enumerated were:—

*First.*—A road from New Meadows to the twelve-rod road. This road began at what is now known as Howard's Point (south of the present residence of Bartlett Adams), passed around the head of Cluff's Bay, and then ran a north-northwest course to Cook's Corner, from whence it ran across the plains in an indirect line to the Twelve-Rod road, which it entered near the present meeting-house of the First Parish.<sup>4</sup> From this road were two branches, one leading to the Twelve-Rod road a short distance south of the colleges, opposite the Samuel

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*; also Map No. 21, *Pejepscot Collection.*

<sup>3</sup> *Town Records*, 1, p. 6.

<sup>4</sup> *Map No. 24, Pejepscot Collection.*

Berry estate, and the other entering the Twelve-Rod road near the old First Parish Meeting-House. Both these branches are in existence, but untravelled.

*Second.* — A road from Stevens's Carrying-Place to Coombs's (now Howard's) Point. This was substantially the same as the road which now runs from Bartlett Adams's, up the river, passing Chapin Weston's, and so on to the head of New Meadows River.

*Third.* — A road leading from the Gurnet northerly, in about a straight line, till it intercepted the road leading from New Meadows to the Twelve-Rod road.

*Fourth.* — A road leading from the old west meeting-house to Middle Bay. It ran about the same courses as the present road, but entered the Twelve-Rod road nearer the meeting-house.

*Fifth.* — What is now known as the old Harpswell road, from the Twelve-Rod road below the old west meeting-house to Harpswell Neck.

These roads were not formally accepted by the town and their courses recorded until several years later.

The town was occasionally "presented" for bad roads. At the January session of the Court of General Sessions in 1739, "Benjamin Larrabee, Esquire, one of the selectmen of the town of Brunswick, appeared to answer the presentment exhibited against the said town for deficiency in the highway in said town, leading to North-Yarmouth, and the said selectmen having promised to see the s<sup>d</sup> way mended; ordered that they be acquitted paying fees of Court, two pounds eleven shillings."

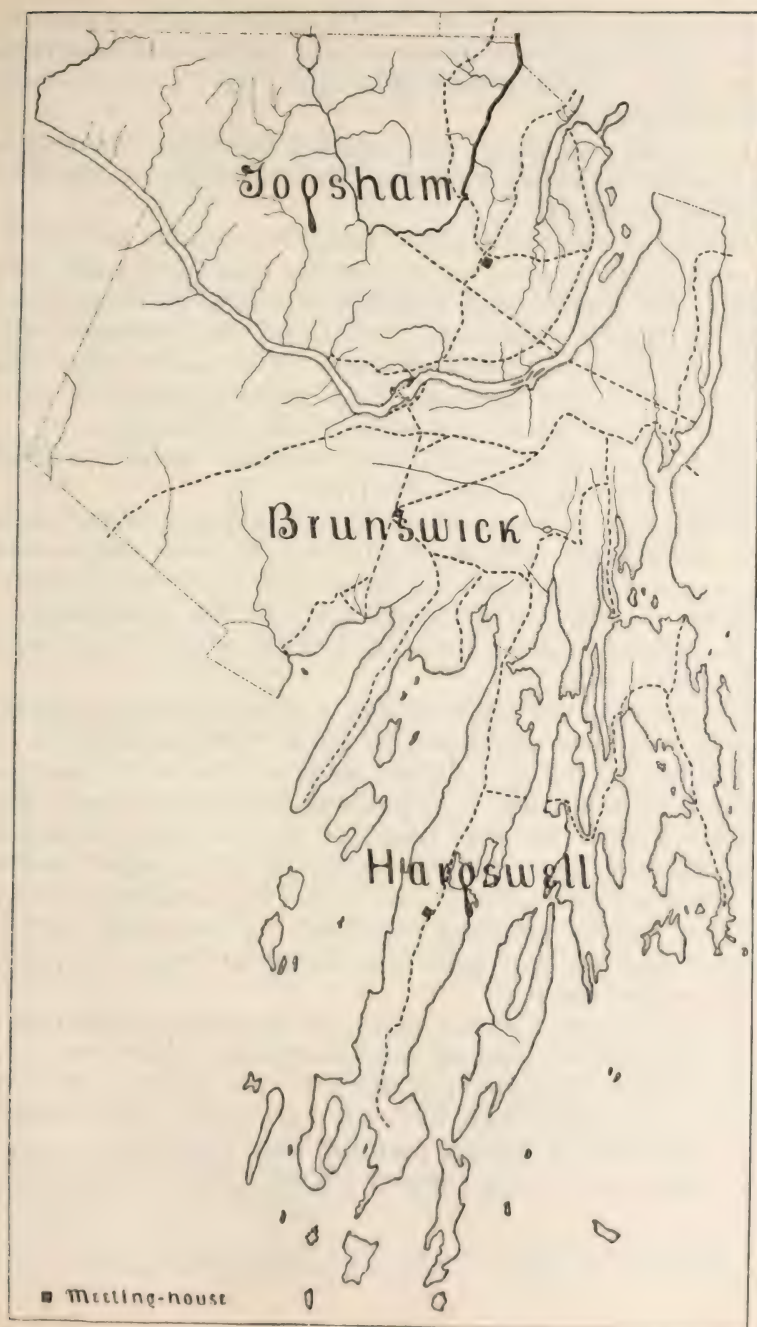
At the town meeting in 1744, an order having been issued by the Court of General Sessions, for a highway between Brunswick and Georgetown, Deacon Samuel Whitney and Captain William Woodside were appointed a committee to lay out the same. There is no record of the action taken by this committee, but it is probable that they simply made passable the road previously laid out, as that was the only road to Georgetown, now Bath, for many years subsequently.

Not far from this time, though possibly a little later, there was a road from the New Meadows River straight over to the Androscoggin, at a point nearly opposite James Mustard's in Topsham.<sup>1</sup> Here was a ferry. It is probable that the line struck the New Meadows River a short distance above Mr. Bartlett Adams's house, which was only a short distance above Brown's Ferry, across the New Meadows River.

In 1753 the inhabitants of Mair Point consented to give a free road,

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<sup>1</sup> Map No. 11, Pejepscot Collection.



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one rod wide, to the lower end of the Point, and to maintain sufficient gates on any fences which crossed the road, and the town voted to be at the charge of keeping the road in repair. In 1767 this road was made two rods wide.

In 1759 the road was laid out which leads from Nathan Woodward's by Gatchell's Pond and Washington Woodward's estate to the New Meadows River road.

In 1760 the road from Maquoit Landing to Bunganock was laid out substantially as it now is, but at that time there was a branch road from a short distance below N. Blake's over to the Twelve-Rod road near the Maquoit school-house. This branch was subsequently discontinued, but at what time is not known. The location of the roads described in the preceding pages can be readily understood by reference to the map of roads which is given on the preceding page.

What is now known as the Pennell road, from the old Harpswell road to Pennellville, was laid out in 1770.

In the year 1773, on the petition of Jonathan Bagley and of others who were interested in the lands on the river, the town voted to accept the road to Durham, which had been constructed by the petitioners. This was the river road to Durham, which then ran close to the river on the intervalles, and was very crooked. Changes in the courses were subsequently made.

The lower road to Freeport, starting a short distance above the old west meeting-house, and passing by Albion P. Woodside's and so on to Freeport, was laid out about the year 1794. Mrs. J. D. Lamb distinctly remembers walking through it when it was first laid out. She was then a child, nine or ten years old. The road was cut through a dense forest for nearly its whole length. It was not made passable for carriages for a number of years later. Mr. Lewis Simpson says the road was not completed until 1806. He remembers that the laborers upon the road ceased work during the great solar eclipse which occurred that year.

In the year 1789 a second county road was laid out from Cook's Corner to Bath, but it was not made passable until 1795.<sup>1</sup> The town in 1790 opposed the building of this road. The road is not shown in Given's plan of Brunswick, which was made in May, 1795, so that it was not probably a travelled road until some months subsequently. This road ran up by Martin Storer's, and then in a very circuitous line

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<sup>1</sup> *Maine Historical Collection*, Vol. 2, p. 219.     *Lemont's Historical Dates of Bath*, p. 41.

to a short distance north of Ham's Hill, where it entered the old county road which passed around the head of New Meadows River. Portions of this road are still in existence and travelled.

In 1794 the road from Oak Hill to Bunganock was laid out, and in 1796 the road from Bunganock to Growstown was laid out.

In the year 1800 the road from L. D. Alexander's to E. C. Raymond's was laid out, and in 1802 what is called the Otis road was laid out. The "Friends' road," from the Durham River road to Freeport, was laid out in 1805.

The turnpike to Bath, sometimes called Governor King's turnpike, was built in 1805<sup>1</sup> or 1806. Mr. Lewis Simpson distinctly recollects that at the first Commencement at Bowdoin College, in 1806, two men who were engaged in building this road came up to spend the afternoon. This turnpike was well made, and the road-bed was hard and smooth. It went through the woods nearly all the way east of Cook's Corner. The road now travelled from Brunswick to Cook's Corner and straight on to New Meadows River is a part of the old turnpike. The turnpike bridge was a few rods south of the railroad bridge. The gate and toll-house were at the west end of the bridge.

According to Lemont,<sup>2</sup> a second turnpike was built in 1806 from Bath to Brunswick, crossing the New Meadows River at Brown's Ferry. It is not probable that there was, at that time, a second turnpike in Bath, and there is no evidence that another turnpike was built in Brunswick. The bridge at Brown's Ferry was built previous to that of Governor King, and only the abutments and piers remained in 1808-9. It is more probable that what Lemont calls the second turnpike was a *shunpike*, as it is well known that, to avoid paying toll, travellers from Brunswick left the turnpike at Cook's Corner and crossed the river at Brown's Ferry. It was owing to this fact that General King established a gate on the turnpike west of Cook's Corner. That expedient proved of no avail, however, as travellers thereafter drove across the plains to Cook's Corner, and then down to Brown's Ferry, thus avoiding both toll-gates.

In 1810 an alteration was made in the upper county road to Bath, so that it crossed the New Meadows River a short distance above Ham's Hill, over a bridge called Hayden's Bridge, and in 1831 the road was straightened and laid out over Ham's Hill, as it is now. The Bull Rock Bridge road was laid out in 1836.<sup>3</sup>

In 1837 the New Wharf road was laid out.

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<sup>1</sup> Lemont, *Historical Dates of Bath*, p. 41.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

In 1843 a petition was granted by the Court of General Sessions for Lincoln County, for a road from High Street in Bath, over the Bull Bridge, through Brunswick to Freeport.

At what time guide-boards were first used is not known, but in 1814 the town instructed the selectmen to *repair* and erect guide-boards wherever necessary, showing that some, at least, had been erected previously to that date.

**TWELVE-ROD ROAD.**—Maine Street, or the Twelve-Rod road, owing to its location and the fact that nearly all the measurements and estimates of distances are based upon it, is entitled to a more extended consideration than the other roads of the town. All the lots at the laying out of the town were connected with lot number one, which commenced at a point twenty-seven rods south from the flag-staff upon Fort George. Therefore both the lots and the roads take their start from one and the same point, — a bastion of the old fort. In order to a complete understanding of the matter, it will be well to enumerate the various votes in regard to this road that have been passed by the town, or by the proprietors, since it was originally laid out in 1717. The first public action in regard to this road was taken at a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the township, held May 8, 1719. At this meeting it was voted:—

“That whereas y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors have allowed a road 12 Rod wide from Fort George to Maquoit as also sundry other private ways: henceforth no incumbrance shall be Erected or Continued in any of the said Wayes.”

At the town meeting in 1740 it was voted that the main road from Fort George to Maquoit should be twelve rods wide. This vote was evidently intended to be merely confirmatory of the original action of the proprietors in laying it out of that width. At a meeting of the Pejepscot proprietors on November 14 of this year, it was voted by them that “Whereas a Road of 12 Rods wide was granted by the Proprietors June 3, 1717, from Fort George over to Maquoit and said road has not been improved as was originally laid out Therefore voted, That said Road run from the Southerly Bastion of said Fort George on a Streight Line over to Maquoit and that the Surveyour be directed to enter it upon the Platt accordingly.”

This vote of the proprietors was not *literally* carried out. There is no evidence that the road was actually laid out in one straight line, and it is certain that it was never so travelled. All of the early plans locate the road as starting, on its western line, at the southwest bastion of Fort George, and running due south across the present depot



grounds, to a point a short distance south of the residence of Professor A. S. Packard, and from thence a southwest course to Maquoit. At that time, and until the year 1826, there was a swamp extending from the present eastern line of the mall to the foot of Powder-House Hill, and to avoid this swamp the travel went out to one side, and passed along what is now called Park Row, on the eastern side of the mall, and thus the eastern line of this portion of the road was established much farther east than it was originally laid out.

Although the road had been laid out by the proprietors and had been built and used by the town, it was not formally accepted as a public highway until 1769. This road being of an unusual width, and much wider than was at all necessary for mere purposes of travel, the town in 1791 was induced to do what would be considered by many as a very unwise thing. It chose a committee and instructed them to lease six rods in width of this road, "where they think it best, leaving the road six rods wide at such places."

In April, 1792, the town appointed a committee to lay out the road again, from Fort George to Maquoit, eight rods in width, thus reducing the width four rods. This committee reported at the subsequent meeting in May, and the town voted to accept the road as laid out by them, with an amendment to the effect that two rods should be added to the road on the west side, between Mr. Stone's and Mr. Lunt's, and with some minor changes near the Maquoit shore.

The land between Mr. Stone's and Mr. Lunt's was that between Mill Street and the Pejepscot National Bank. On the other side of the street, in front of Day's Block, was a deep gully which increased in depth till it entered the cove in front of what is now Maynard's oyster saloon, opposite Mill Street. Encroachments had been made on the opposite side of the street so that the narrowness of the road and its sideling nature rendered travelling dangerous. It is known that accidents had at various times occurred there. In 1806 the town voted to pay fifty-nine dollars and fifty-three cents to Zephaniah Spurr, of Boston, for damages to his carriage, it having been driven off the bank and injured, owing to the bad condition of the road. It is probable that Mr. Stone and Mr. Lunt had leased a portion of the road, and that the town regretted its action and annulled the lease.

In 1793 the town voted to accept this eight-rod road, as laid out with the amendments, and the surveyors of highways were directed to open the road agreeably to the plan, which was "eight rods wide from end to end except at the landing-place at Maquoit which is twelve rods wide." A committee was also chosen to lease or quitclaim the remain-

ing four rods of the old Twelve-Rod road. It is not known how much of the road was thus leased or quitclaimed. The only deed which we have seen was one to Lemuel Swift of "four rods of the twelve rod road, lying in front of Mr. Benjamin Stone's land, and situated between the land of John Carr and Captain John Dunlap's land, being twenty square rods at seventeen dollars per acre."<sup>1</sup> This was the front of what is now the Rodney Forsaith estate, between Dr. Lincoln's and Benjamin Green's.

In 1794, Benjamin Chase, one of the surveyors of highways, was directed to open the Twelve-Rod road the *full width* wherever people had not purchased the four rods, and where they had, to open it eight rods wide. It was also voted that all persons desiring to purchase the four rods in width that had not been sold could do so by applying for the same within fourteen days.

In 1804 the west line of Maine Street, as it now is, between Noble and Pleasant Streets, was accepted by the town.

In 1810, to put on record the locality from whence the measurements of the road and town lots started, the following paper was entered on the town records:—

"Whereas the Record of the West line of the twelve Rod Road from Brunswick Falls to Maquoit Bay, as laid out by the Proprietors of Brunswick, mention the Flag staff standing in the south West Bastion in Fort George as the point at which they began their survey; and whereas the bounds and Lines of many Lotts and parcels of Land are ascertained by admeasurement from that point before mentioned; and whereas Fort George and the Flag staff are demolished, and it may be of Great importance to render the precise point where the Flag staff in said Fort George stood permanent, therefore, be it remembered that we John Abbot, John Perry Jr. and Jacob Abbot, all of said Brunswick in the County of Cumberland and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have this day applied to John Dunlap Esq of said Brunswick who was a soldier in said Fort George, when a young man, and lives nigh the plat of Ground where said Fort stood, and hath been frequently on the premises; and to Cutting Noyes, who lives nigh the premises and assisted in removing the piece of Timber the said flagg staff was framed into:—and the said John Dunlap Esq and Cutting Noyes have designated, according to the best of their judgement and they say they think the spot where the foot of said flagg staff stood, and to render it permanent, we the said John Abbot, John Perry Jun<sup>r</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Original deed in the possession of John L. Swift, Esq.

and Jacob Abbot have drilled a hole in the ledge or Rock and drove an Iron bolt of about one Inch and one Quarter Diameter and about Eighteen Inches in length, half the length into said Ledge or Rock, the other half above the surface in the Identical spot shewn to us as the place under which said Flagg Staff stood.

“JOHN PERRY JUN<sup>r</sup>  
JOHN ABBOT  
JACOB ABBOT

“BRUNSWICK NOV<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1810

“A True Copy

“DAN<sup>L</sup> GIVEEN, *Town Clerk.*

“WILLIAM DUNING	} <i>Selectmen.”</i>
JOHN GIVEEN	
JOSEPH HACKER	

This bolt will be found “opposite to the space between two of the factory boarding-houses at the north end of Maine Street and distant southerly from the southwest corner of the easterly house twenty-eight and one third feet, where a line from the southeast corner of the westerly house will intersect the first line in twenty-six feet, thence to the house on the corner of Maine and Bow Streets, sixty-six feet; or by measuring easterly from and in line of the south face of Cabot Mill seventy-six and two tenths feet, and from one to two feet beneath the surface of the ground.”<sup>1</sup>

In 1819, Abner Bourne, Robert D. Dunning, David Dunlap, Robert Eastman, and Samuel Chase were chosen a committee to ascertain the boundaries of the Twelve-Rod road and to recommend measures for the prevention of further encroachments on the road, and were instructed to report at the next annual meeting. No record is made of their report.

In 1822 the selectmen were authorized to direct a survey of this road between Jacob Abbot's<sup>2</sup> and Robert D. Dunning's, and to receive a quitclaim deed, provided it could be done without any expense to the town except for the writing of the deed and the survey.

In 1845 the Twelve-Rod road, or that part of it called Maine Street, was again surveyed, this time by Elijah P. Pike, under the direction of the selectmen, and the survey was accepted by the town.

In 1858 two rows of trees were set out on this street from the Congregational Church to the end of the college grounds. This was done by private subscription.

<sup>1</sup> From Field Book of Charles J. Noyes, C. E.

<sup>2</sup> Now the residence of Captain A. H. Merryman.



The foregoing comprises all important facts in relation to this Twelve-Rod road with the exception of the origin of

#### THE MALL.

In 1802 there was a board fence from the northeast corner of Robert D. Dunning's house, on the hill, to the head of the present Mall. It continued, much as the fence now runs on the easterly side of the Mall, to Schwartkin's store, where the store of George B. Tenney now is. The Mall was at that time an alder-swamp which extended as far west as the foot of Powder-House Hill, and nearly as far north as Pleasant Street. Cows often had to be pried out of the mud where the Mall is. Mr. C. J. Noyes informs us that, in 1846, when surveying the line of the railroad between Maine and Union Streets, he sank into the mud and water over the tops of his rubber boots. It is said that in this swamp the old settlers used to take beaver.

On the Fourth of July, 1826, the citizens united in a general assault upon this deformity of the village, and assembling at an early hour, with shovels, hoes, oxen, ploughs, and carts, they worked diligently until noon. Then the company listened to a speech from Robert Orr, Esquire, after which they partook of a lunch and dispersed. A second gathering of the kind was held on the next Fourth of July, and after half a day's hard work the company marched to the meeting-house, stacked their arms (shovels, hoes, picks, etc.) in military style before entering, and listened to an oration from Mr. Edward Kent, then a student in the law-office of Honorable Benjamin Orr. The work thus begun was completed by private enterprise. The project of enclosing the open area and of planting trees was started at a strawberry party in 1838, and the fence was erected and the trees set out in the spring of 1839.<sup>1</sup> The work was assigned to a committee of three, — Doctor Isaac Lincoln, Joseph Griffin, and John S. Cushing. It cost about four hundred dollars to fence and grade it and to plant the trees. Nearly all the trees then set out are in a flourishing condition now. The committee devoted their whole time for three weeks to superintending the work, and then were obliged to make up a small deficit in the funds. The row of trees on the western side of the Mall was set out by Mr. Cushing. While the work was progressing, Mr. Cushing was married, and Doctor Adams, the officiating clergyman, at the conclusion of the ceremony, remarked that he himself desired to work for the Mall, and therefore presented his fee towards that object.

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<sup>1</sup> *Brunswick Telegraph*, June 25, 1853.

Nothing further was done to the Mall until 1867, when the fence around it was rebuilt.

In 1873 the selectmen, in their annual report, use the following language in regard to the Mall, to which report sufficient attention has not been paid. They say:—

“The Mall ought to be put under the care of some person of judgment and taste, and attention given to its condition. If the grounds were kept clean and smooth, the walks trimmed, and seats erected in different parts, what is now unsightly and of no particular interest to any one, will be made an ornament and become a point to which our people will gravitate for rest and recreation during the heat of summer, and in which we shall all feel a just pride.”

#### STREETS.

Some of the streets in Brunswick were laid out as private ways at an early date, and although named by the town and repaired from time to time by the road surveyors of the town, have never yet been *formally* accepted by it. This fact will account for the omission, in some cases, of the date of laying out or of acceptance of some of these streets. It has been found impossible to obtain the date of construction of these *private* streets. As to the legal liability of the town in regard to most of them, we presume there can now be little doubt.

For convenience the streets in Brunswick will be treated in alphabetical order.

BATH STREET is a part of Governor King's turnpike, which was laid out in 1806. The name is applied to that portion of the road between the First Parish Meeting-House and Pine Grove Cemetery.

BANK STREET was laid out by the late David Dunlap, Esquire, over his own land. It has never been accepted by the town, and in 1867 the town *refused* to accept it as a highway.

BOW STREET was laid out in 1819, and accepted by the town under its present name in 1821. Slight changes in the courses of this street were made in 1824 and in 1830.

BOODY STREET was accepted by the town in 1853. It was named in honor of Mr. Henry H. Boody, who was then a professor in Bowdoin College, and resided on the corner of Maine and this new street.

CLEVELAND STREET was laid out early in this century, but precisely when we cannot ascertain. It was in 1821 named Cross Street. Its present name was given to it in 1869 in honor of Professor Parker Cleaveland, who lived on Federal Street opposite the end of this street.

CENTRE STREET was laid out as a private road in 1810. In 1821 it was named by the town *Centre Street*, and in 1839 it was accepted by the town.

CUSHING STREET was laid out and accepted by the town in 1847. It was named in honor of Mr. John S. Cushing.

CEDAR STREET was laid out and accepted in 1845.

COLLEGE STREET was laid out in 1831.

DUNLAP STREET was originally laid out by General Richard T. Dunlap as a private way, and its name was given to it by the town as a mark of respect.

DUNNING STREET was laid out in 1844. It was named for Mr. Robert D. Dunning.

ELM STREET was laid out in 1843.

EVERETT STREET, named in honor of Ebenezer Everett, Esquire, was laid out and accepted by the town in 1865.

ELLIOT STREET was laid out in 1858. It was named in honor of Colonel Daniel Elliot.

FRANKLIN STREET was laid out and accepted in 1846.

FEDERAL STREET was laid out and accepted in 1803. The proprietors of the land gave the land and made the road. The street received its name in 1821. Referring to this street, a writer in 1820 says, "I understand the original proprietors of the land made it a condition in their grants that all houses on this street should be at least two stories high and on a line twenty feet from the road. With this requisition there seems to have been a punctilious compliance. About twenty houses are already erected with great exactness and symmetry, and the remaining lots of land are correctly proportioned." Although no proof of any agreement of the kind referred to above has been found, it would seem not improbable, judging from the actual appearance of the street, that some agreement was made between the earlier owners of the lots. Such entire uniformity could scarcely result as a matter of chance.

GREEN STREET was laid out in 1828. It was named for James Green, a resident on the street.

GILMAN AVENUE, named in honor of Honorable Charles J. Gilman, was laid out as a private way, but was named by the town as a mark of respect to the owner of the land.

HARPSWELL STREET is a portion of the old road to Harpswell Island, which was laid out in the last century, but at precisely what date is not known.

HIGH STREET was laid out in 1850. It was first called *Grove Street*, and the name was changed to *High* in 1872.



ISLAND STREET, from Bow Street to the river opposite Shad Island, was accepted by the town in 1828.

LINCOLN STREET, named in honor of Doctor Isaac Lincoln, has never been accepted by the town.

MAINE STREET has been already described under the head of the "Twelve-Rod Road." The name Maine Street is applied to that portion of the road between the bridge and Mair Brook, as decided by the town in 1821. The name was given in honor of the then newly made State of Maine. It is often incorrectly spelled Main.

MILL STREET was laid out in 1717 by vote of the Pejepscot proprietors. It originally extended only to the upper falls, or a short distance beyond. In 1817 it was extended to Pleasant Street. It received its name in 1821.

MASON STREET was also laid out by the Pejepscot proprietors in 1717. In 1821 it was called Water Street. The name Mason Street was subsequently applied to it.

McKEEN STREET, named in honor of Messrs. Joseph and John McKeen, was laid out by the Pejepscot proprietors in 1717. In 1821 it was named Cumberland Street. Its present name was given to it about 1840.

MIDDLE STREET was laid out and accepted in 1856.

NOBLE STREET was laid out in 1833 *as a part of Union Street*. In 1849 it was called Noble Street, as a mark of respect to Mr. John Noble, who resided upon the street.

O'BRIEN STREET was laid out and accepted in 1841. It was named in honor of Captain John O'Brien.

PLEASANT STREET is a part of the county road to Freeport, which was laid out in 1811. The name applies to that portion of the road between Maine Street and the gully, a short distance west of Powder-House Hill.

POTTER STREET was laid out and accepted in 1845, as far as Captain William Potter's, for whom it was named. In 1858 it was continued to Union Street.

PEARL STREET, from Federal to Stetson Street, was laid out and accepted in 1845, and subsequently extended to a short distance east of the railroad.

PAGE STREET, so named in honor of Doctor Jonathan Page, was laid out as a private road.

SCHOOL STREET was laid out early in this century. It received its name in 1828. The name was given to it because of the school which was for many years kept in the "old red school-house" on this street.

In 1850, School Street was widened, by adding to the northern side thirteen feet and nine inches on Federal Street, and six feet on Maine Street.

SPRING STREET was laid out and accepted in 1850, as far as the railroad.

STETSON STREET was laid out and accepted in 1850.

THOMPSON STREET was laid out and accepted in 1850. It was named for General A. B. Thompson.

UNION STREET, from O'Brien to Pleasant Streets, was laid out in 1828. In 1833 it was laid out from Mill Street as far as what is now Noble Street, the latter street then being a portion of Union Street. In 1849 the location of Union Street, between Pleasant and Noble Streets, was slightly altered. In 1858 it was continued south to Page Street, and subsequently to McKeen Street.

WATER STREET is the easterly portion of the Four-Rod road, laid out in 1717, from the fort to the landing. In 1828 the name was applied to the whole street, from Maine Street to the landing. Subsequently that portion of the street between Maine and Federal Streets was named *Mason Street*.

#### ROADS IN TOPSHAM.

Although the number of roads which have been laid out in Topsham is not so large as that of Brunswick it has been found nearly as difficult to locate many of the early roads in the former place as it was in the latter. As an illustration of the indefinite manner in which many of the roads are recorded, the following is copied: "The Road beginning at Issabella's Barn Running to William Alexander's house was laid out by the Selectmen in October 1774." It is, perhaps, needless to say that we have found no allusions to Isabella's barn elsewhere.

The first road laid out in Topsham was unquestionably one which was laid out by the Pejepscot proprietors, from the Narrows to the Cathance River. There is no record in the Pejepscot company's books of the laying out of this road, but the Topsham town records allude to it in 1764 as having been previously granted by the proprietors, and it is shown on the plan of the town, which was made for the proprietors in 1768, by John Merrill. This road started from the Androscoggin River, a few rods below the present residence of Mr. James Mustard, crossed the "Foreside" road, following the line of the Mustard and Hunter lots to the Cathance River. It was originally laid out four rods wide, but in 1764 the town voted to reduce it to two rods in width and to sell the remaining two rods. This road is

still in existence. The portion between the "Foreside" road and the county road to Bowdoinham is still travelled, and is known as "Lover's Lane." From the county road to the Cathance and from the "Foreside" road to the river the road is unused, but is fenced on each side, and is plainly distinguishable from the adjoining lots.

The second road was the county road to Bowdoinham, which was laid out before the incorporation of the town, about 1761 or 1762.<sup>1</sup> From allusions to this road in the town records, it appears to have begun a short distance east of the village cemetery, where there was a ferry across the river to the landing on the Brunswick side.<sup>2</sup> From this point the road ran substantially as it now runs, passing the tanyard and straight on to the old graveyard, thence turning to the left, passing the estate of the late George A. Rogers to the Cathance River, where there was a ferry, and from thence in about its present course to Bowdoinham.

These two roads were all the public roads that were in existence at the time of the incorporation of the town. There were doubtless a number of hay and wood roads in existence, but their location is not now known.

At the first meeting of the town in its corporate capacity, Thomas Wilson, Adam Hunter, John Reed, John Fulton, and John Merrill were chosen a committee to lay out the highways and roads through the town.

The first road mentioned in the records is what is now known as the "Foreside" road, beginning at Muddy River and following along the bay, and up the river to the county road at the top of the hill near the residence of Mr. Cyrus Purington. The county road, as previously stated, ended a short distance east of the village burying-ground. At this point a town highway began, which ran westerly, as Elm Street now runs, up by the Free-Will Baptist Meeting-House, and so on "to the first brook beyond John Whitten's house," which was a short distance beyond the Merrill homestead. In 1767 the road was continued to Little River. Various slight changes in the courses of this road were subsequently made.

The next road which was laid out by the town in 1764 was "from the county road near the meeting-house to the house of Gowen Fulton." This was what is now called the "lower road to Bowdoinham," in distinction from that which passes over the Cathance River. At

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<sup>1</sup> *Records of Court of General Sessions for Lincoln County.*

<sup>2</sup> *The ferry from "Ferry Point" to the landing was of a later date.*



the same time a road was laid out from the meeting-house to the "Foreside" road, which was substantially the same as that which is now travelled from the Bowdoinham road to Bay Bridge.

In 1781, Samuel Thompson, John Merrill, Nathan Thwing, James Hunter, and David Reed were appointed by the Court of General Sessions, for Lincoln County, to lay out a road from the county road at Gideon Walker's, to the Bowdoin Line. It was doubtless soon afterwards laid out.

In 1790 what is now Main Street was laid out from the Granny-Hole Mill-right to the county road at Gideon Walker's Corner. This road was accepted in 1792 as a public highway.

In 1791 a road was accepted leading from the Bowdoin line over to the county road to Bowdoinham, which it entered "not far from Mr. Joseph Graves's house."

In 1792 a road was laid out from Main Street, at a point about opposite Summer Street, running across the grounds of the estate of the late Charles Thompson, to the river.

The road leading from the Little River road at "Whitehouse's Corner" to the county road to Bowdoin, near the residence of Mr. Benjamin Thompson, was laid out in 1792.

In 1795 the road across the island to the toll-bridge was laid out, two rods wide.

In 1797 a road was laid out from what is now Elm Street, between the Walker homestead and the Baptist Church, or very near there, running down the hill across the grounds of the late Doctor James McKeen to the town landing. Mr. James Wilson remembers this road, and says it was fenced on either side for its whole length. Mr. Wilson's father owned the land, and as the town would not vote to pay him for it, he closed it up.

The next year, 1798, a road corresponding to what is now Thompson Street was laid out from Main Street to the landing. The same year two county roads were laid out. One was from Littleborough, through Green, Lewiston, Bowdoin, Little River, and Topsham, to the Androscoggin Bridge. The other was from the same bridge to the south line of Litchfield. The course of both these roads through Topsham was over the town roads previously established.

In 1799 what is known as the Meadow road was laid out. What is now known as Green Street, from the Congregational Church to the Granny-Hole Bridge, was accepted by the town in 1799. A portion of this road from the church to Thompson Street had been made previously by Mr. James Wilson, Senior, as a private road, for

his own use, he making a log-bridge or causeway across what was then a gully, and which has since been filled up, the depression between the church and the Bowman House.

In 1803 the town was indicted by the grand jury for having bad roads. What is now known as Summer Street was laid out in 1826, and accepted by the town the following year. Pleasant Street, as far as Union Street, was laid out and accepted in 1828.

In 1851 the selectmen, by order of the town, assigned names to the streets and caused signs to be put up at the corners.

Orr Street was laid out in 1856.

At a meeting held in September, 1859, a committee was chosen to meet the county commissioners of the county of Cumberland, in Brunswick, for the purpose of opposing the laying out of a road from Cushing Street in Brunswick, so as to cross the Androscoggin River over Goose Rock, so called, and to continue through Topsham to the Lisbon road.

In 1862 the town voted to accept the road as laid out by the county commissioners from near Rufus Rogers's mill to the Androscoggin railroad bridge.

On October 10, 1863, a road or street was accepted leading from Main Street, on the Island, across the sand-bed to Water Street, opposite the residence of Mr. Eben Colby.

At a meeting, held September 12, 1864, the town voted to build the bridge across the drain and to *discontinue the rest of the street*, which was laid out in October, 1863, from Main Street (on the Island) to Water Street.

#### ROADS IN HARPSWELL.

It is not known precisely when the main roads on Harpswell Neck and on the Island were laid out. The earliest mention of them that we have found is in the records of the town for 1760, when it was voted "that the road through the Neck should stand as last laid out by Mr. Jonathan Flint, surveyor." The courses of the road, as laid out, were very nearly the same as those of the present one, but the road did not then go the end of Potts's Point.<sup>1</sup>

In 1761 it was voted that "the road on the Island laid out by the Proprietors should be a Town Road." No description of it is given at this date, but in 1786 Stephen Gatchell made a survey of "the main road" and other roads on the Island. It appears that this sur-

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<sup>1</sup> See map, page 531.

vey was simply to put on record the courses of the roads as formerly laid out.

The road from the ferry around the head of Long Reach was laid out in 1764.

In 1821 the road on Orr's Island was accepted as a town road, and a road on Great Island, from the Orr's Island bridge to the main road, was also accepted.

Various private roads and public roads of minor importance have also been laid out, from time to time, as the convenience of the inhabitants required.

#### FERRIES AND BRIDGES.

Before bridges were built, all the streams in this vicinity that were not sufficiently shoal to be safely fordable were crossed by means of ferries.

The earliest ferry of which there is any record was across the New Meadows River at the point of land a short distance below the present residence of Mr. Bartlett Adams. This was "Brown's Ferry." Precisely when it was established is not known. The earliest mention of it in the Brunswick town records is in 1765, and it is probable that it was established a short time previously to that date, by Benjamin Brown, who lived on the Georgetown (now Bath) side of the river. Brown kept this ferry until 1792.

At the annual meeting of the town of Brunswick in 1792, the town expressed its desire "that John Peterson, Esquire, would keep a ferry across New Meadows River where Benjamin Brown has kept for some years past." Peterson complied with this request, and maintained a ferry at this point until a bridge was built, which was somewhere about the year 1796, the precise date not being known.

A ferry across the Androscoggin, from Mr. James Mustard's in Topsham to a point a short distance below the present residence of Mr. Martin Storer in Brunswick, was established as early, probably, as 1768, at which time there was a road from the Cathance to the Androscoggin at Mustard's, and from the New Meadows River to a point nearly opposite Mustard's. It is known that there was for many years a ferry at this point called "Mustard's Ferry," but the date of its establishment is not known.\* James Mustard, of Topsham, was licensed by the Court of General Sessions for Lincoln County, to keep this ferry in 1784, but there must have been one kept at this spot long before. The ferry landing is still plainly discernible.

In 1781, Ezra Randall, of Topsham, was licensed to keep a ferry



from his landing to that of Stephen Andrews. This ferry was a short distance below the present Bay bridge.

There was also a ferry, at an early period in the last century, from the landing in Brunswick to the Topsham shore. On September 8, 1761, Samuel Wilson was licensed to keep a ferry over the Androscoggin River, about one hundred rods below the falls, and gave bonds in the sum of £20 for the faithful discharge of his trust. He was permitted to demand and receive of every passenger three "coppers," and three "coppers" for each horse ferried across. The Topsham landing-place was at first, probably, a short distance east of the present village burying-ground. Later, about 1783 to 1796, it was near the point at the end of the iron railroad bridge, which then went by the name of Ferry Point. During this later period, the ferry was kept by Brigadier Samuel Thompson.

It is stated in North's "History of Augusta"<sup>1</sup> that in 1790, Henry Sewall and General Dearborn, who had been appointed marshal of the District, in going to Portland on horseback, to attend the District Court, went by the way of "Cobbosee" and Fort Richmond, and "swam the river at Abagadussett, and crossed *Cathance* and *Brunswick* Rivers in *ferry-boats*." Where the ferry across the Cathance was situated, we do not know, but it was probably at Bowdoinham village, as a bridge had been constructed long previously at the Cathance mill-right in Topsham, where the county road crossed that river. The ferry across the Androscoggin was doubtless that kept by Brigadier Thompson.

The first ferry in Harpswell of which we have any knowledge was established in 1764, as shown by the following extract from the town records:—

"Voted, to have a ferry started near the Narrows, a good ferry boat built and a convenient road for man and horse cleared to the head of Long Reach and over the head of Long Reach so called, at or before the first day of October next, and a ferry man to tend s<sup>d</sup> ferry on Sabbath days till half after nine of the clock in the morning and after meeting to ferry the people back again and to tend on Town Meetin days." Paul Raymond, Benjamin Jaques, and Nathaniel Purinto were chosen a committee to carry the vote into effect.

In 1772 one was established from Indian Point on Sebaseodigan Island to Trotter's Point in Georgetown, by order of the Court of General Sessions. The fare was fixed at three "coppers" for a man,

<sup>1</sup> *Opus cit.*, p. 222.

six for a horse, eight for an ox, twelve for a yoke of oxen, five for a cow, and one each for swine or sheep.<sup>1</sup>

In 1795, Daniel Blaysdell, Jr., was licensed by the Court of General Sessions for Lincoln County to keep a ferry over New Meadows River from the landing near his house in Georgetown to the opposite landing in Harpswell, and gave bonds in the sum of one hundred and forty dollars for the faithful discharge of his duty. He was allowed to charge twenty-five cents as the fare for a man and horse. Temporary ferries also have been established across the Androscoggin at various times during the present century, when the toll-bridge was, for any cause, impassable. Of this character, probably, was the ferry in existence between Topsham and Brunswick in 1827, though it is possible the old ferry may have been continued to this date. From the records of the Court of General Sessions for Lincoln County, it appears that at this time James Wilson was discharged as a ferry-man, and Nathaniel Quint was appointed in his place. At the same time the ferriage toll was increased as follows: For a horse and chaise, twenty-five cents; for a horse and coach, fifty cents; for a horse and rider, twelve and a half cents; for a horse and wagon, sixteen cents; for cart, oxen, and driver, thirty cents; for neat cattle, per head, six cents; for sheep and swine, per head, four cents; for foot passengers, three cents.

The first bridge over any considerable stream which was built in this vicinity was one over the Cathance River in Topsham, at the "mill-right," which was built in 1768. It cost forty dollars, or at least that was the amount appropriated by the town for the purpose.

The next bridge in point of date was what is now known as the Garnet Bridge, connecting Brunswick and Great Island, Harpswell, which was built in 1789. It was rebuilt in 1839.

In 1795 an attempt was made to have a bridge built across the Androscoggin River by the towns of Brunswick and Topsham, and the town of Brunswick "voted very generally to build the one half of a bridge across Androscoggin River, to begin near Doctor Nye's Mill." A committee was chosen to "see the matter carried on," and the town also voted to raise £300 for building the bridge, but not to assess the money until leave to build it had been granted by the General Court. Nothing came of this attempt to construct a free bridge, but the next year certain persons were empowered by the legislature to build a toll-bridge from Nye's mill, in Brunswick, to the Middle Rock, and from thence to the rock below the "Great Mill" in Topsham.

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<sup>1</sup> *Records of Court of General Sessions in County Commissioners' Office, Portland, 1772.*

The Act incorporating "The Proprietors of Androscoggin Bridge" was passed and approved February 26, 1796. The incorporators were William King, Benj. Jones Porter, John Dunlap, Wm. Stanwood, 3d, Cutting Noyes, Amos Lunt, James Stone, John Merrill, Jr., James Wilson, Daniel Clark, Joseph Langdon, Ebenezer Emerson, Isaac Johnson, John Blanchard, John Merrill, Pelatiah Haley, Actor Patten, Benj. Hasey, Wm. Owen, and Theo. Symmes. A schedule of rates of toll was prescribed by the Act, which should be in force for thirty years; after that, subject to legislation.

In March an additional Act was passed, fixing the number of shares at five hundred, at eight dollars each, and providing that no one person should purchase more than six shares within six days from the opening of the books, thus enabling persons of limited means to become shareholders and preventing the control of the bridge being monopolized by a few individuals. The bridge was built during the summer of 1796, and a toll-house was built in the fall. In the spring of 1811 the bridge was carried away by a freshet, and was rebuilt the same year at a cost of \$5,591.42.

June 22, 1814, the toll-house and greater part of the bridge were carried away by a freshet. They were at once rebuilt at an expense of \$3,500. In the spring of 1827 the bridge was again carried away, and the directors voted to rebuild and to make the abutments of stone. Previously they had been made of wood. The expense, including a toll-house, was about \$6,000. Since 1827 the bridge has not been disturbed by freshets.



ANDROSCOGGIN BRIDGE IN 1828.



In 1842 the bridge was destroyed by fire and rebuilt the same year. For some years previous to 1842 the bridge was a covered one. After that it was open. This bridge was repaired and made free April 10, 1871. The value set by the appraisers was \$2,575. It is now owned by the towns of Brunswick and Topsham.

In 1795 the first bridge across the "Granny-Hole Stream," in Topsham, was erected, connecting the Island with the main land.

In 1796, according to Lemont, a bridge was built across the head of New Meadows River.<sup>1</sup> This statement is probably erroneous, and the bridge built at that time was doubtless at Brown's Ferry, where in 1808 were the ruins of an old bridge.<sup>2</sup>

In 1805 the first turnpike bridge was built across New Meadows River.<sup>3</sup>

In 1806 a second bridge was built across the New Meadows River.<sup>4</sup> This was probably the one at the head of the river alluded to by Lemont as having been built in 1796. This is the more probable, as in 1810 the town voted to build a road to Hayden's Bridge, and a Mr. Hayden lived near the head of the river at that time.

In 1829 a bridge was built from the Brunswick shore to Shad Island. "Father" Stetson wrote in his diary, under date of November 26, 1829, that he "walked to the new bridge to the Island amidst the falls." Previous to this time access to the Island was only had by means of boats.

The bridge connecting Great Island and Orr's Island was built at some time between 1833 and 1845, by Samuel Orr, Ralph Johnson, Jr., David Wyer, Thomas S. Jack, Michael Sinnett, John Conley, William Orr, Charles Black, Richard Orr, Jr., and William D. Orr, inhabitants of Orr's Island. In 1852 they gave the bridge to the town, and the town voted to accept it and to keep it in repair. The bridge was wantonly destroyed in 1857, and the town soon after rebuilt it.

Bull Rock Bridge was built in 1835. One half of it was paid for and owned by the town of Brunswick.

Bay Bridge was completed in July, 1836. It was built by the town of Bath at an expense of \$12,000.<sup>5</sup> Lemont<sup>6</sup> states the cost to have been \$20,000. It was and is a *toll*-bridge.

In 1849 the railroad bridge across the New Meadows River was

<sup>1</sup> *Historical Dates of Bath, etc.*, p. 39.

<sup>2</sup> *Reminiscences of several aged citizens.*

<sup>3</sup> *Massachusetts Special Acts.*

<sup>4</sup> *Lemont, Historical Dates of Bath.*

<sup>5</sup> *The Regulator*, July 23, 1836.

<sup>6</sup> *Historical Dates of Bath, etc.*, p. 39.

built, and in 1850 the railroad bridge across the Androscoggin, below the falls, was built.

In 1859 considerable interest was excited in regard to a free bridge between Brunswick and Topsham. Public meetings were occasionally held for several years to consider the subject.

In 1860 the town of Brunswick voted to unite with the Androscoggin Railroad Company in building a bridge across the river, provided the cost to the town did not exceed \$2,500, and provided the company would agree to keep the bridge in repair, except the flooring of the public travelled way.

Topsham opposed the building of a bridge at Goose Rock, but favored building one at Shad Island. The bridge was, however, built and opened to the public on March 27, 1861.

Besides those which have been enumerated, there were many small bridges across brooks and gullies which were not of sufficient importance to merit any extended notice in these pages. The following bridges of this description are mentioned simply to show the changes which have been made in the roads and streets at the places where they were formerly located.

In Topsham there was, in 1764 and later, a bridge across "Gravel Island Gully," near the tan-yard of Mr. Cyrus Purrington. There was also one at the same time over the brook and gully near the village burying-ground. In 1802, and probably earlier, there was a bridge across the deep gully on what is now Winter Street, just back of Goud's store. The bridge was fifteen or twenty feet above the brook which flowed under it. About this time a horse belonging to Thomas Wilson fell off the bridge and was killed by the fall, and the chaise to which the animal was attached was considerably injured. There was no railing to the bridge, and the town was therefore liable for damages. In 1804 the town voted Mr. Wilson three hundred dollars, and thereby probably saved a lawsuit.

In Brunswick there was a bridge across the ravine on Bow Street. It was first built by private parties, but in 1833 the selectmen were instructed to rebuild it. It was a trestle-work bridge, about ten feet high.

There was a similar bridge at Stone's Brook, on Pleasant Street, west of Powder-House Hill.

In 1825 there was a small bridge on Federal Street, at the foot of the hill.

## CHAPTER XX.

## COMMERCIAL HISTORY OF BRUNSWICK.

IN the succeeding chapters upon the commercial history of the towns of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell, it is intended to include not only matters pertaining to the business of these towns, but also the cost, at different periods, of the necessities of life, and matters connected with municipal taxation. All facts, however, concerning the rise and progress of navigation and the construction of railroad and telegraph lines have been placed, for convenience, in another chapter.

The earliest business carried on here, in addition to farming and trading in furs, was salmon and sturgeon fishing. Thomas Purchase, soon after his settlement here in 1628, caught, cured, and packed salmon and sturgeon for a foreign market, and it is stated that there were at one time, "saved in about three weeks, thirty-nine barrels of salmon, besides what was spoiled for lack of salt, and about ninety kegs and as many barrels of sturgeon, and that if they had been fitted out with salt, and apt and skilful men, they might have taken abundance more."<sup>1</sup>

It is also stated in Douglas's History that there was a company formed in London for the purpose of importing cured or dried sturgeon, and that they had an agent at the foot of Pejepscot Falls, and a building erected there. This was no doubt, as McKeen observes, a very considerable business, and was carried on upon quite a large scale, from time to time, until into the last century, and until the commencement of King Philip's war, in 1675, it was, doubtless, a great business with Mr. Purchase. The business has not been carried on to any extent within the present century, the salmon having entirely disappeared from the river, and there being fewer sturgeon than formerly and a lessened demand for the latter. Present indications betoken, however, a return of the salmon fishery before very many years.

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<sup>1</sup> *Reding's Deposition, Pejepscot Papers.*



## DAMS.

Before water-power could be made available for propelling the machinery of mills, it was necessary that dams should be erected.

The first one erected across the Androscoggin River was the upper dam. It was built about the year 1753. It was, without doubt, carried away by freshets in the last century, and rebuilt at different times. It is known to have been carried away in 1814, and to have been rebuilt soon after. In 1839 it was carried away and was rebuilt the following year, at a cost of \$6,134.66. The owners at that time were Alfred J. Stone, Rufus Rogers, David Dunlap, Gardner Green, R. T. Dunlap, Thomas Pennell, William Curtis, Daniel Stone's heirs, and Hugh Patten. A portion of this dam was carried off in 1859, and was never rebuilt. Later freshets have carried away the remaining portions.

The long dam was probably built about the year 1756. In 1828, John Dunning, of Brunswick, *ninety years of age*, testified that "the long dam, so called, was built by some person or persons to me unknown, when I was about *eighteen or nineteen years of age*. It extended from the Topsham shore, near where the great mills, so called, were built, to the island now called the Shad Island. A year or two after the long dam was built, the same proprietors or persons that built the long dam, built the gulf dam from the south side of said island to the Brunswick shore. I recollect that Hugh Wilson and Samuel Wilson, of Topsham, with one Douglass, were concerned in the aforesaid dam and *mills* at the time, or soon after, the same were erected, as I have before stated. I think that soon after this dam and mills were built, Brigadier Thompson, of Topsham, became a proprietor of the same, with others. My father, David Dunning, and Jeremiah Moulton were the owners of the Fort right, so called, and conceiving that the persons who built the long dam, so called, had committed a trespass, by building the same, sued the trespassers, and recovered damages." Mr. Dunning also testified that the main channel of the river, before the dams were erected, was between Shad Island and the Brunswick shore. It is not altogether improbable that the long dam was built to divert the water into the drain which led to the Hodge Mill in Topsham. Indeed, as there were no other mills on the Topsham side at that time, and as this dam of itself would be of no use to any mill on the Brunswick side, it is difficult to conceive for what other purpose it could have been built.

The gulf dam, according to the statement given above, was first

built about 1760. If this were so it was probably carried away by a freshet, as there was one built there about 1772 by Joshua Nye and the Dunnings. This dam was built straight across from Shad Island to the mainland, and the water was brought to the mills below through a flume. This dam was carried off by nearly every freshet, and, finally, about 1815, it was built in its present shape by William E. Weld, who obtained one half the privilege as his compensation. A small portion of this dam has been carried away by a freshet, and a portion was rebuilt in 1874, but the larger part of it is the original dam.

The middle, or factory, dam was built about the year 1772. It was carried away by a freshet in 1785. It was rebuilt, and a portion of it was again carried away in August, 1833.

In 1835, Colonel Loammi Baldwin, of Boston, made a survey of the water-power of the Androscoggin River, at Brunswick. In his report, dated November 12, of that year, he states it as a demonstrable fact that this river discharges more water than any other river in the State, being equal, at the lowest stage of the water, to more than 4,000 cubic feet in a second. According to this report the whole fall of water is 40.83 feet, divided at that time by three dams. At the upper dam there was a fall of 11.30 feet; at the middle dam, of 14.04 feet; and at the lower dam, of 15.49 feet. From the upper to the middle dam, on the Brunswick side, the distance was 1,280 feet. From the middle to the lower falls the distance is seven hundred feet.

“The lay of land about these falls,” says the author of the “Water-Power of Maine,” “is favorable to the growth of a great manufacturing city. On the Brunswick side, below the village, the ground lies in three extensive levels of such height and form as to admit of improvement without grading. A natural ‘run’ leads from the required site of the upper dam to those levels, and could be converted into a grand canal at a very small expense. The fall could be increased to fifty-five feet by raising the upper dam, and the damage for flowage would be inconsiderable, the land on both sides of the river to Lisbon Falls, eight miles above, being mostly high.” There is now no dam at this fall, and but a small portion of the water-power of this river is now made available here. There are a few other powers in town at present unimproved. One, about three miles above the falls, is known as the “Quaker Mill Pond.” It is capable of furnishing power for a number of saws. The Bunganock and New Meadows Rivers can also be made available for manufacturing purposes.

## CANALS.

In 1797 or 1798<sup>1</sup> a corporation was formed for the purpose of constructing a canal to unite the waters of Merrymeeting Bay with those of New Meadows River. It was intended for the transportation of lumber, and not as a passage for vessels. John Peterson was one of the proprietors and was the leading spirit of the enterprise. The canal was built, but probably it did not answer the purpose for which it was intended, on account of there not being a sufficient difference of level between the two ends, and the experiment was soon abandoned. Traces of this canal are still to be seen.

In 1807 a petition was sent to the General Court for authority to establish a canal for a similar purpose, from the Androscoggin River, above the falls, to Maquoit. A survey was made in December of the same year by Benjamin Franklin Baldwin.

The following is a synopsis of the survey:—

General course, south-southwest and irregularly south. Commences about half a mile above the falls. It crossed Mair Brook, Widow Hunt's swamp, bridge at the county road a short distance east of Starbird's tannery, through Captain Skolfield's land, and by the head of Maquoit Marsh. The distance was about three miles and eighty rods.

Greatest elevation of land	.	.	.	46 ft. 5 in. 7
“ depression “	.	.	.	37 ft. 8 in. 0
Average elevation “	.	.	.	29 ft. 8 in. 9
“ depression “	.	.	.	24 ft. 1 in. 0
“ elevation of whole	.	.	.	5 ft. 7 in. 9

We have been unable to ascertain if any company was formed, but the canal was never built and probably never begun.

## MILLS.

GRIST-MILLS. — Providing for the sustenance of the body is the first thing to occupy attention in a newly settled region, and though probably the very earliest settlers pounded their maize, after the mode of the Indians, in mortars of stone or iron, yet without doubt the first mills erected were grist-mills.

There is no evidence of the existence of any mill hereabouts until after the formation of the Pejepscot Company, and from the small number of settlers antecedent to that time, it is almost certain that there

<sup>1</sup> *Lemont's Historical Dates of Bath*, pp. 8 and 76.



were none. The earliest reference to any project of the kind is contained in the records of that company. At a meeting of the proprietors, held September 14, 1715, one of their number, Mr. Watts, was desired to take the advice of a millwright in regard to the best place for a mill and the estimated cost, and he was requested to make a report on his return, "in order to our agreeing for a Mill against the Spring." His report is not in the records, but on September 5, 1716, the proprietors voted "that the Small Stream in a Gulley lying about Twenty Rodds W. N. W. from Fort George at Brunswick be granted to Captain John Gyles and Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Goodwin and their Associates, provided they erect a Saw Mill or a Grist Mill thereon within a twelve month, & keep it going."<sup>1</sup>

It appears from the record of a subsequent meeting of the proprietors, held on February 3, 1741, that this proposed mill was never erected, and as Gyles and Goodwin failed to fulfil the conditions of the grant, the right to the stream reverted to the proprietors. Inasmuch, however, as a grist-mill in this new township would be, in the opinion of the proprietors, "of great advantage for the Inhabitants to grind their Corn and tend to promote good Husbandry," they at this meeting passed a vote that the stream and gully already mentioned, together with about an acre of land, exclusive of rocks, and the exclusive privilege of building mills upon it, should be granted to their partner, Mr. Henry Gibbs and his heirs and assigns, with the proviso that he or they should "build a Grist Mill thereon, within two years from the first day of May, 1742, if no war with the Indians and French"; and in case of the occurrence of war within that time, two years was to be allowed after the termination of it, and with the further proviso that the mill should be kept in good repair as a grist-mill for five years, or in default thereof the privilege was to revert to the proprietors.

This privilege was bounded as follows:—

"Beginning at the west bastion of Fort George, thence west two Rods across the two Rod Road thence west and by north twenty-four Rods to Androscoggin River, thence down said River to a Stake standing by said River, thence South to the Northerly Corner of Fort George, thence by Fort George to the Westernmost Corner of the Bastion first-mentioned according to a Plan of the same under the hand of James Scales, Surveyor, bearing date Nov. 16, 1741." This was the origin of what was subsequently known as the "Fort Right."

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.* This stream flowed across what is now Bow Street, where the Cabot Company's cotton house is, and entered the river.

On June 14, 1751, James Thompson and Anthony Coombs of Brunswick conveyed "to Aaron Hinkley, Nathaniel Larrabee, Gentlemen of Brunswick, Humphrey Purinton, Cordwainer, Georgetown, and Isaac Snow and Cornelius Thompson, of Brunswick, yeomen, six eighth parts of a Cove at New Meadows, between the land of Anthony Coombs and James Thompson, for the privilege of erecting a mill or mills."<sup>1</sup>

In 1753 a grist-mill was erected at New Meadows, doubtless on this cove, and another at Maquoit.<sup>2</sup>

In 1769 there was a grist-mill on Mair Brook,<sup>3</sup> where Getchell's mill now stands. There has been a mill at that place nearly all the time since, though of late years it has been not a grist, but a carding mill.

In 1794 John Peterson had a mill at New Meadows. In 1795 there was, according to a plan of Brunswick made at that time by John Given, a corn-mill on the upper dam on the Brunswick side. Reference is also made in the margin of this plan to two other corn-mills, but the map is so defaced that it is impossible to determine their locality, though there is little doubt that one of them was the one at New Meadows and the other upon the lower dam. The first grist-mill with apparatus for bolting the meal was erected in the latter part of the last century by Mr. Benjamin Stone.<sup>4</sup>

In 1819 a Mr. Quinby had a grist-mill on the bank of the river west of the cotton factory which was run by a windmill. In 1820 there was a grist-mill in operation at the upper dam, under the management of Henry Putnam, Esquire, which was spoken of at the time as being "remarkable for its perfect and ingenious system of machinery." At the same time there was a grist-mill at the end of the bridge where the pulp-mill now stands. In 1836 there were two corn and flour mills within the limits of the village, one of which was on the "Nye" privilege near the bridge, and the other was probably at the upper dam and managed by Charles B. Mitchell. In 1839, Mr. Samuel S. Wing bought a part of the Nye grist-mill. This mill was a two-story building with two runs of stones, one for wheat and one for corn. In 1842 the mill, with all the adjoining property, including the Androscoggin Bridge, was burned. It was rebuilt the next year, and one run of stones added for grinding barley. In 1850 the mill was again destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt the same year,

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<sup>1</sup> *York County Records*, Vol. 36, p. 147.

<sup>2</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection*. Memorandum on cover.

<sup>3</sup> *Town records*.

<sup>4</sup> *James Curtis's Journal*, in the library of the Maine Historical Society.

with three runs of stones, and in 1871 it was again burned, since when there has been no grist-mill on that privilege.

In 1859, D. and C. E. Scribner bought the privilege, now occupied by them at the Brunswick end of the old toll-bridge, and put in machinery for the manufacture of flour, wheat meal, crushed wheat, corn-meal, etc. The capacity of the mill is about two barrels of flour per hour and about fifteen bushels of meal per hour. The mill is kept running almost constantly on flour, but corn and grist work is insufficient to keep that department running all the time. The Messrs. Scribner were the first in these towns to make flour from wheat brought from the West.

**SAW-MILLS.** — At a meeting, held September 5, 1716, the proprietors voted to employ persons to look out a proper place for erecting one or two saw-mills within the limits of their purchase, and “that the running Gear therefor be provided Seasonably.” Also that the small stream in the gully west of Fort Georges should be granted to Gyles and Goodwin, as has already been mentioned, provided a saw-mill or grist-mill should be built thereon within one year.<sup>1</sup>

At another meeting of the proprietors, held in the following October, it was proposed, unless more convenient places could be found, that two saw-mills should be built at “Bungamunganock” Falls. On November 28, Mr. Samuel Came, of York, offered to build the running gear for a mill with two saws for £27 and the mill itself for £30. His offer was accepted, and he was desired to prepare running gear for two mills, and to set one up, early in the spring, at “Bungamunganock” Falls, and the other at the most convenient place he could find for timber, stream, etc., and to suit the settlements. To this Mr. Came agreed.

On October 14, 1717, it was agreed that Captain Gyles should be written to “to put our saw mill at Bungamunganock under Improvement till we shall take further order about it.”<sup>2</sup> From this it would appear probable that one mill had already been erected, and it is not at all unlikely that the other was built soon afterwards, though probably on the Cathance, for on April 28, 1718, it was voted that those of the proprietors who were going to Pejepscot should as soon as possible get the “two mills put into good order and under good improvement.”<sup>3</sup>

From a memorandum made upon the cover of the Brunswick Records, in the Pejepscot Collection, it seems that in 1753 there were

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*



no less than six saw-mills in Brunswick. Three of these were at New Meadows, one was at Maquoit, one at Bunganock, and one at the Brunswick Falls. This latter was the first mill ever built on the Androscoggin River, and according to McKeen,<sup>1</sup> was on the upper dam. It was probably built by Jeremiah Moulton, of York, and David Dunning, though the date of erection may have been as late as 1761.<sup>2</sup> The authority for McKeen's statement we have been unable to find, but presume it was a traditional account.

On November 14, 1761, Belcher Noyes, the proprietors' agent, deeded to David Dunning and Jeremiah Moulton the mill privilege that has since been known as the Fort Right. Its bounds, as described in the original deed, were as follows:—

“South on a road laid out to the Indian Carrying Place above the Falls, on said Androscoggin River, which is on the west side of said road to Maquoit, adjoining to lot number one, Northerly on the road laid out on the east side of said road to Maquoit to the landing Place on said Androscoggin River (exclusively of what land belongs to lot number one), and on said Androscoggin River according to the Course thereof above the Falls, so as to comprehend the land included within the said limits, exclusive of what land belongs to lot number one (together with one moiety or half part of any Rocks or Islets adjacent thereto) and one half of privilege of Stream.” This included all the land north of Mill and Mason Streets, between the town landing and the upper dam.

By a vote of the proprietors, October 22, 1762, the right and privilege granted by this deed was extended so as to embrace the Topsham side of the river. This “right” afterwards became divided among the heirs and those to whom a portion of it had previously been sold, and the larger part of it is now owned by the Cabot Manufacturing Company, although Scribner's flour-mill and the mills in the Cove are located upon it.

In 1767, Esquire Woodside was the owner of a saw-mill,<sup>3</sup> which was probably at Bunganock.

About the year 1772 two saw-mills were erected about where the pulp-mill now is, by Joshua Nye and Andrew Dunning. In 1792, Samuel Stanwood had a mill at Maquoit.

In 1795 there were, according to Given's plan of Brunswick, two saw-mills on the upper falls and one on the lower, besides four other

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<sup>1</sup> *Manuscript Lecture.*

<sup>2</sup> *Record of Court of General Sessions in County Commissioners' Office, Portland.*

<sup>3</sup> *Town Records of Brunswick, 1, p. 68.*

saw-mills, the exact location of which cannot be determined in consequence of the defaced state of the map. One of them was probably the so-called "Folly" mill, which stood about where the Factory Gas-House now stands. This mill received its name in consequence of what was deemed, at the time, an act of folly. The brook which was to supply the water came from the swamp, which then existed where the depot now is, and ran down what is now Union Street and under Mill Street. On or near the mouth of this stream, Mr. Samuel Page built a mill, which of course failed to be of much practical benefit on account of the small and intermittent supply of water.

In the latter part of the last century Captain John Peterson had a saw-mill at New Meadows.

On July 8, 1808, Johnson Wilson received a deed of Shad Island, then called Fishing Rock Island, and not long afterwards he erected a double mill upon it.

On June 10, 1816, Ephraim Jones entered into an agreement with William Frost and Nathaniel Greene, of Topsham, and perhaps with others, to build a saw-mill on this island, sixty-five by forty feet in size, and to have it finished by August 10. The mill was built that year.

There were at the falls, in 1820, including those in Topsham, twenty-five saws. It has not been found practicable to obtain reliable information as to the exact date of erection of many of these mills. Their number at this time shows conclusively the importance of the lumber business then carried on, and consequently the thriving condition of these places. It was estimated at this time that not less than 500,000 feet of boards were cut annually by each saw. This would amount to 12,500,000 feet in a year, which, at seven dollars per thousand, would amount to \$175,000. The greater part of this lumber was shipped by the way of Bath, and the rivers and bays on the south of the town. The revenue to the government from the duties assessed on the lumber in the two towns is said to have been not less than \$75,000. A force of about three hundred men was employed in and about the saw-mills.<sup>1</sup>

There was also at this time a clapboard manufactory, the machinery for which was invented by Mr. Robert Eastman, of Brunswick. The machinery, though simple, was so constructed that it would cut two clapboards in a minute, regulate itself, and cut one hundred and twenty clapboards in an hour, from a block two feet in diameter. About 600,000 could be cut in a season.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Putnam*.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

In 1825 a number of these mills were destroyed by what is known as the "Great Fire."

A double saw-mill, which was erected by Jonathan Page near the ruins of the Great Fire, probably this year, was carried away by a freshet in 1827.

In 1831, Mr. Samuel S. Wing, who had for a year and a half previously manufactured sugar-box shooks for a Boston firm, in a mill owned by Benjamin Weld, Esquire, where the pulp-mill now stands, bought out their interest, and commenced the business on his own account. He continued in the business for twenty-five years, a part of the time having three box-machines in operation at the same time. One of these machines was on the lower falls, one on Shad Island, and the other on the upper falls. These three machines manufactured annually upwards of 3,000,000 feet of pine boards.

In 1836 there were twenty saws in Brunswick Village, besides mills of other kinds. The same year Eliphalet P. Pike & Co. built a large saw-mill containing four saws, and a clapboard-mill, on Goat Island. The water was brought from the upper dam by means of a flume, and a bridge connected the island with the Brunswick shore. There was additional space sufficient for four to six more saws. This mill was carried off in 1839. A saw-mill was also erected in 1836 near the toll-bridge.

In 1848, J. C. Humphreys & Co. erected two steam-mills on a point extending into the river about two miles below the village. The machinery of these mills was propelled by two seventeen-inch cylinder engines, which drove one gang-saw, two upright single saws, two shingle, one clapboard, and one lath machine, one machine for making heads for molasses hogsheads, and two machines for making shooks, besides edging, cutting off, and other saws. About 500,000 feet of lumber was manufactured at that time. This company had a ship-yard adjoining their mills. One of these mills was burned in 1864.

In 1857 what was known as the Bourne Mill, in the Cove, was burned. It was built by Abner Bourne early in the present century. In 1856 this mill belonged to R. T. Dunlap, C. J. Gilman, A. B. Thompson, and Ward Coburn.

In 1845, Mr. Abizer Jordan had in operation a machine for planing boards. It is supposed to have been the first one in operation in Brunswick.

In 1859, Messrs. Samson and Eben Colby, of Topsham, bought the Samuel S. Wing Property in Brunswick, at the end of the bridge,



known as the Perry Privilege, where they carried on the manufacture of sashes, doors, blinds, shingles, clapboards, and lathes, until 1871, when the mill was destroyed by fire. Mr. Eben Colby then built the mill on the same privilege, now the pulp-mill, and with J. F. Chaney continued the business under the style of Colby & Chaney for a year and a half, when they sold the mill to the Androscoggin Pulp Company, and then built a large two-story mill in the Cove. In this building Colby, Chaney & Smith manufactured long and short lumber, sashes, doors, and blinds until 1875, when the mill passed into the hands of Charles H. Colby, who occupies the lower story, and the second story was leased to the Bangs Brothers.

The most flourishing time in this vicinity, so far as relates to the lumbering business, was undoubtedly between 1835 and 1845. In 1839 there were thirty saws in Brunswick alone. It has been found impracticable to give all the changes of ownership in mill property which have taken place within this century. Among those who have been prominently connected with the lumber business in Brunswick, who have not already been named, may be mentioned Paul Hall and Colonel William Stanwood, who owned the Nye mill in 1800 and subsequently; Captain John Dunlap, who was part owner in a mill on the upper dam in 1800, as well as before and after that date; A. B. Thompson and J. C. Humphreys, who formed a copartnership and carried on the lumber business in a mill at the Cove, about 1825, and did an extensive business until they dissolved, in 1850.

About 1820, Abner Bourne, Richard and David Dunlap, William E. Weld, and Charles Weld were engaged in this business. David Dunlap was, doubtless, the largest mill-owner for many years. In 1829 he owned one saw and a half on the upper dam and two saws in the Cove. In 1831 he sold one half his whole interest to Rodney Forsaith, and they continued in partnership until 1836, when Forsaith bought his remaining interest and kept it until 1845, when the copartnership of Lemont (Adam), Forsaith (Rodney), & Hall (William H.) was made, and continued until about 1858. From about 1830 to 1850, Alfred J. Stone and William H. Morse carried on an extensive business. From 1837 to 1856, Joseph Lunt, 2d, was engaged in this business; Burt Townsend, from about 1818 to about 1838; Phineas Taylor, about 1820; and Ward Coburn and Artemas Coburn, somewhat later, were engaged also in this business.

There are now but two saw-mills in operation in Brunswick. They are in the Cove and are owned, one by C. H. Colby and the other by Hiram Toothaker and Trueworthy Brown.

## BOOMS.

The stringing together of logs across the river, in order to catch the loose logs that might escape from rafts, or be floated from the shores, was doubtless done in the very earliest period of the lumber business, but the erection of regular booms and the incorporation of a company for the express purpose of collecting stray logs did not occur until towards the latter part of the last century. These booms were made of wooden piers filled with stone and connected by timbers fastened with irons. Some of the "King's Masts" were put into a boom below the bridge, by Brigadier Thompson. They were afterwards taken out and put into a boom above the bridge, and were some of them still in use as late as March 22, 1856, having stood this service for about seventy years.

The first boom known to have been erected on the river was the Androscoggin Boom, which extended from Ferry Point to Mason's Rock. The proprietors were Samuel Thompson, Esquire, Ezekiel Thompson, Benjamin Thompson, Stephen Purrington, Thomas Thompson, James Purrington, James Wilson, Humphrey Thompson, and James Thompson. They were incorporated February 14, 1789.<sup>1</sup>

Another company was formed March 15, 1805, at which time the General Court of Massachusetts enacted "that Thomas Thompson, William Stanwood, Elijah Hall, Paul Hall, Humphrey Purinton, Cornelius Thompson, Trueworthy Kilgore, Francis Tucker, and Johnson Wilson, and their associates, successors, and assigns be, and they are hereby constituted a corporation for making, laying, and maintaining side-booms in suitable and convenient places in Androscoggin River, from Androscoggin Bridge to the Narrows of said river, in Brunswick and Topsham, so long as they shall continue proprietors of the fund raised, or which may be hereafter raised for that purpose, and shall be a body politic by the name of THE PROPRIETORS OF SIDE-BOOMS IN ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER, and by that name may sue," etc.

The company was entitled to receive compensation of the owners of logs and other lumber by them rafted and properly secured for the owner, the fees being regulated by the charter.

On February 29, 1812, an additional Act authorized the proprietors of side-booms in the Androscoggin River to extend side-booms *above* the lower falls.

In 1820 there were six booms above and five below the falls.

<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Special Laws*, 1, p. 230.

On February 27, 1829, it was provided by the legislature that the selectmen of Brunswick and Topsham should annually appoint two surveyors of logs at the several side-booms in the river at Topsham and Brunswick, in order that the logs caught in the booms should be fairly surveyed and disputes be prevented between the proprietors and the owners of logs.

In October, 1855, three of these booms, said to have cost about \$40,000, were carried away by a freshet. There are now no traces of these booms to be seen below the falls. Above the falls can be seen, at low water, the ruins of several stone piers to which the boom-sticks were formerly attached.

#### COTTON AND WOOLLEN FACTORIES.

Coming under the general term of mills are several which are usually designated as factories. Of these some were for the manufacture of cotton and some of woollen goods. In early times the manufacture of clothing was quite laborious, as there were then no carding-machines. After the sheep were shorn in the spring the neighbors used to collect for "wool-breaking," as the preparing the wool for the spinning-wheel was called, and after the labor was over the time was spent in amusement and social intercourse.<sup>1</sup>

The first factory was established by the BRUNSWICK COTTON MANUFACTORY COMPANY, which was incorporated March 4, 1809. Ezra Smith, William King, and Doctor Porter were among the proprietors. The company was formed for the manufacture of cotton yarn, which was shipped to other mills to be made into cloth. The mill did not prove a success, and it is said that the stockholders lost all their capital. No cloth was made in this mill.<sup>2</sup> The mill was a three-story, gambrel-roofed, wooden building, and stood close to the river, on the left-hand side of the lane which passes the east end of the present mill.<sup>3</sup> The machinery was put in by Robert Eastman and James Jones.

The second mill was that of the MAINE COTTON AND WOOLLEN FACTORY COMPANY, which was incorporated in October, 1812. This company erected a wooden mill about where the blacksmith shop of the Cabot Company now stands. They also bought the building of the Brunswick Company, which they used for a storehouse. Deacon John Perry was the first agent.

<sup>1</sup> *James Curtis's Journal*, in library of Maine Historical Society.

<sup>2</sup> *Reminiscences of Dean Swift*.

<sup>3</sup> *Reminiscences of Dean Swift and Miss Narcissa Stone*.



In 1820 there were 1,248 cotton spindles in full operation, and two hundred and forty woollen spindles; nine woollen looms, and carding and fulling machines in proportion. 100,000 yards of cotton cloth were turned off in a season, "and the broadcloths, from full-blooded merinos, do not follow *haud passibus æquis*, those of Manchester." About one hundred operatives were employed at that time.<sup>1</sup>

Both these mills were destroyed in the fire of 1825, the old building being used at the time as a storehouse. Soon after the fire, a mill for carding wool and dressing cloth was established by John Dyer. It was called the EAGLE FACTORY. It stood on the west side of the Shad Island road, near the end of the present mill. It was removed in 1834 across the road, and is now occupied as a tenement.

The BRUNSWICK COMPANY was incorporated in 1834. The corporators were Isaac Lincoln, Joseph McKeen, Richard T. Dunlap, Abner B. Thompson, Ebenezer Everett, Nathaniel Davis, John C. Humphreys, David Dunlap, Noah Hinkley, Elijah P. Pike, Narcissa Stone, Robert P. Dunlap, Thomas Pennell, John Dunning, and James McKeen. They were empowered to manufacture cotton, wool, iron, and steel, and other raw material necessarily connected therewith; and to erect mills, dams, works, machines, and buildings on their own land. They were afterwards, by an additional Act, authorized to carry on the manufacturing business in the town of Topsham, as well as in Brunswick.

According to the by-laws, the stock of the company was divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

The following was the property belonging to the company in 1836:—

"1. A new mill of undressed granite, five stories high, 146 feet long, 45 wide, capable of containing 5,120 spindles of cotton spinning.

"2. Four additional mill-sites of equal extent with the last, two dwelling-houses three stories high, one store, a counting-room, stone picker-house, cotton store, and forging-shop, all completely finished, with convenient land for their use, all situated in Brunswick, and four mill-sites in Topsham.

"3. The whole breadth of the river with the islands and dams, thirteen and a half acres of land in Brunswick and Topsham, and water-power sufficient to carry as many saws and spindles of cotton machinery as there is space to erect the mills."

At a meeting of this company, August 10, 1836, the following officers were chosen:—

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<sup>1</sup> Henry Putnam, Esquire, printed letters

William Willis, R. T. Dunlap, H. Goddard, M. Greenwood, and N. F. Deering, directors; N. F. Deering, treasurer; Thomas L. Willis, clerk; I. A. Beard, agent.<sup>1</sup>

The Brunswick Company ran this factory until 1840, when they leased it to Mr. Allen Colby, who managed it until March, 1843, when it was sold at auction in Boston, to Whitwell, Seaver, & Co., for \$34,400. The original cost was about \$190,000. This latter company intrusted the management of it to Messrs. A. P. Kimball and John Dunning Coburn, of Boston, who soon afterwards purchased it.<sup>2</sup>

This firm, after carrying on the business for a few years, failed, and the mill went into other hands.

On July 3, 1847, the WARUMBO MANUFACTURING COMPANY was incorporated. The stock of this company "consisted of mortgages and other claims on the late firm of Kimball & Coburn, which fell into their hands for debts against the said firm, of which they expected to realize nothing except through the earnings of the factory, and of other mortgaged property in Brunswick, subject to an amount of prior encumbrances exceeding \$40,000."

The company was organized in the summer of 1848. Who were the directors at that time is not known, but in 1849 they were Abner B. Thompson, John Coburn, Nathaniel Davis, James K. Mills, Thomas Gray, Hollis Thayer, and William Perkins. This company carried on business but a few years before it also failed, probably on account of the encumbrances upon its property and the heavy liabilities it had to meet. The regulations of this company in regard to its operatives were quite strict. Amongst others was one refusing to employ any one "who is habitually absent from public worship on the Sabbath, or who uses profane or indecent language in the mill or elsewhere, or who uses ardent spirits as a beverage."

The Warumbo Company was succeeded by the CABOT COMPANY. This company bought the factory in 1853, but on account of debt and a number of the stockholders failing to pay their assessments, it was sold at auction in 1857. A number of the former members bought up the stock, and organized a company under the name of THE CABOT MANUFACTURING COMPANY, with a capital of \$400,000. In 1857 the company had two hundred and thirty-five looms in operation and had expended \$40,000. There were 9,000 spindles at work; the mill gave employment to one hundred and seventy-five persons, at a total

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<sup>1</sup> *From the Regulator.*

<sup>2</sup> *Reminiscences of Allen Colby.*

monthly pay of \$3,000, and it turned out 50,000 yards of plain and drill cotton per week. In 1865 or 1866 an addition of seventy feet was made on the east side and one of fifty feet on the west side, with two wings on the ends. In 1867 the mill had 26,000 spindles. The company owned thirty acres of land on the two sides of the river and seventy-five tenements, and made its own gas, which it also supplied to the town. At the present time (1877) the officers of this company are as follows: president, C. W. Freeland; treasurer, Francis Cabot; agent and clerk, Benjamin Greene; directors, C. W. Freeland, B. W. Gleason, Peter Butler, William Amory, Q. A. Shaw, B. H. Silsbee, John T. Anderson. The capital stock is \$600,000; the number of spindles, 35,000; the number of operatives employed is five hundred and fifty. The buildings of the company are a factory, office, storehouse, store, and one hundred tenements.

The BRUNSWICK WOOLLEN FACTORY was established by Whitten & Meder in 1841. It was situated a short distance below the upper dam, and the water was brought to it through a flume. This mill was not only a fulling and carding mill, but cloth was manufactured in it. The business was carried on by this firm until the mill was burned in 1849. Since then it has been carried on in various localities by the late Mr. William Whitten alone, whose business, however, was confined exclusively to wool carding.

A WARP YARN MANUFACTORY was carried on by Mr. Allen Colby, from 1844 to the latter part of 1846, on the spot where Scribner's flour-mill now stands.

A partially successful attempt has been made to utilize the water-power of the Androscoggin away from the vicinity of the river by using it for the purpose of compressing air which could be sent through pipes to the places where needed. For this purpose the COMPRESSED-AIR COMPANY was formed, and in 1872 pipes were laid and the air-power was used in Dennison's box factory, at Parent & Dufrend's blacksmith shop, at the depot, in the college laboratory, and at the printing-office of the *Brunswick Telegraph*. After a trial of one or two years the project was abandoned, owing principally to the action of the railroad company, which decided to use steam in preference to the air-power. This deprived the Compressed-Air Company of its principal source of revenue, and it was obliged to suspend operations.



## OTHER MANUFACTORIES.

**BANDBOX MANUFACTORY.**—From 1850 to 1860, Mr. B. G. Denions carried on the manufacture of bandboxes quite extensively, employing eight or ten persons. The boxes were made in eight sizes and put up in “nests.” Three of these nests were put up in one bundle. They were sold in Boston to wholesale dealers in millinery goods. At that time the bandbox was an indispensable article with the ladies, and the manufacture of them was a profitable business. After the modern improvements in trunks came into vogue, they were less used in travelling, and are now almost unknown.

**BRICK-YARDS.**—At what time, and where, the earliest brick-yards were, has not been ascertained. There have probably been one or more in operation from an early period of the settlement of the town. The earliest yard which has come to our notice was one near Gatchell’s Mills, owned by Unite Mariner and Barstow Gatchell. This yard was established about the year 1800, and if tradition is correct, it furnished the brick for the first college building, Massachusetts Hall.

In 1817, and previously, John A. Dunning had a brick-yard at the upper carrying-place. In 1830 there was a brick-yard at Mair Point. In 1840, and previously, Forsaith & Williston had a yard on Noble Street, near Union Street. In 1855, and subsequently, Owen & McManus carried on the business near the end of the lower railroad bridge. In 1857, J. W. Owen and John A. Cleaveland had a yard at Oak Hill, and Theodore S. McLellan had one on the new Harpswell road, about half a mile below the colleges. The latter yard was kept in operation until 1870, when Mr. McLellan established his present yard on Federal Street. The business appears to have been the most extensively carried on in 1857, at which time there were three yards in operation. The three together turned out in that year about 700,000 bricks.

**CARPET-MAKING.**—In 1829, Mr. Robert Pender, “formerly from one of the first factories in Scotland, but recently from the Somersworth Factory,” commenced the manufacture of ingrain carpeting, on Bow Street, “from the most fashionable patterns imported.”

The advertisement from which the above is taken goes on to state that “his machinery is on the most approved model, and figures of any kind can be woven to suit the fancy of his employers. Persons wishing to have carpeting woven, by sending to the factory the yarn well scoured and colored can have the same weight of carpeting returned.”

It is said by those who remember this carpet factory that it proved unsuccessful, and that probably not more than one or two carpets were made here, and the experiment was soon abandoned.

CLOCK, WATCH, AND JEWELRY ESTABLISHMENTS.—The first manufacturer of clocks and watches and dealer in jewelry in this vicinity was a Mr. Bisbee, who carried on this business about 1798, and for quite a number of years later. He was a very cunning artificer. His shop was on Mill Street, a short distance west of Bow Street. His sign was a carved figure of a horse with a black boy upon it, with a whip in his hands. When the hour was to be announced, the boy would strike the horse and the latter would kick the bell with his heels. It was a curious piece of mechanism. Subsequent to 1802 his shop stood where Andrew Campbell's store now stands, on the corner of Maine and Lincoln Streets.

About 1805, Robert Eastman established himself in the clock-making business, with James Cary, Junior, as an apprentice. In 1806, Mr. Eastman took Mr. Cary into the business as partner, under the style of Eastman & Cary.

Mrs. J. D. Lamb has in her possession a large standing clock which was made by this firm in 1806, the cost of which was eighty dollars. It has never had any repairs made to it excepting new cords for the weights twice, and it is now, as it ever has been, an excellent time-keeper.

About 1809, Mr. Eastman sold out to Mr. Cary, who carried on the business in all its branches for many years. He was an honest, conscientious workman and trader, and was highly esteemed.

In this connection it will not be improper to speak of one of the most important improvements ever made in the manufacture of watches, and to give a brief sketch of the inventor.

AARON L. DENNISON, the inventor of *machine-made watches*, was born in Freeport in 1812. His father, Andrew Dennison, moved to Topsham in 1818, and to Brunswick in 1824. Aaron, when quite young, displayed a mechanical turn of mind and much ingenuity in the use of his jack-knife. At an early age he would leave his youthful playmates and steal away to the shop of James Cary and ask permission to be allowed to help repair clocks and watches. In 1830 he was received into Mr. Cary's shop as an apprentice. After he had served his time he went to Boston, where he soon become conspicuous among the finished mechanicians of that metropolis.

It was during the years of his laborious life in Boston that Aaron Dennison evolved a plan for making the works of watches by machin-

ery, and with such accuracy and uniformity that any given part of one watch should be identical with the same part of every other, or what he called the interchangeable plan. As early as 1840, Mr. Dennison had so fully matured his plan, and was so confident of its practicability, that he predicted to a friend "that within twenty years the manufacture of watches would be reduced to as perfect a system as the manufacture of fire-arms at the Springfield Armory." In 1849, Mr. Dennison, in conjunction with Messrs. Howard & Davis and Samuel Curtis of Boston, established the first watch factory, "The Boston Watch Company," at East Roxbury, Massachusetts. In 1854 the works were moved to Waltham. The Waltham Watch Factory is too well known to need any description here, which would indeed be out of place. The foregoing account, however, of its founder, is due to the master workman of whom he learned his trade and to the town in which his parents and connections have so long lived.

FOUNDRIES. — For four or five years, about 1812, Peter O. Alden, Esquire, had an iron foundry in the rear of the lot now occupied by the new meeting-house of the Free-Will Baptist society, on O'Brien Street. The United States government sent disabled cannon to this foundry, and they were cast into shot, most of which were sent to Portland for use in the war of 1812-14.

In 1827 there was a copper and brass foundry carried on by Paul Powers near the present cotton-mill of the Cabot Company. In 1834, Mr. Powers moved his business to the head of the cove, where he continued for some years.

In 1836, G. & H. Earle had an iron foundry, which was situated on the bank of the river, a short distance east of the Shad Island bridge. They were succeeded by Charles J. Noyes. The river-wall of the foundation is still to be seen.

In 1844, J. Colbath had a foundry in the rear of the vacant space between Scribner's flour-mill and Purington's machine-shop.

GAS MANUFACTURE. — The Brunswick Gas-Light Company was incorporated April 4, 1854. The incorporators were Adam Lemont, J. D. Simmons, Rodney Forsaith, Nathaniel T. Palmer, A. J. Stone, A. B. Thompson, William H. Hall, and J. W. Forsaith. The first meeting was held October 4, 1856, at the Tontine Hotel, and adjourned from time to time without transacting any business, until the year 1859. At that time the Cabot Manufacturing Company were building gas-works for their own use, and the Brunswick Gas-Light Company made a contract with them to furnish the amount of gas needed. They have continued to furnish it up to the present time.



At the annual meeting in 1859, Benjamin Greene, Benjamin Furbish, John D. Lincoln, Charles J. Gilman, and Samuel R. Jackson were chosen directors. Benjamin Greene was chosen president, and B. G. Dennison, secretary, treasurer, and superintendent. In the fall of 1859, pipes were laid from the factory up Maine Street as far as Pleasant Street. In the summer of 1868 they were extended to the colleges, passing the east side of the Mall. The citizens began using gas January 1, 1860, and the first street-lamp was lighted about 1864.

**LIME QUARRY.** — Robert Jordan built the first lime-kiln at New Meadows about 1800. It is the same one now in use. Its capacity is about one hundred and seventy-five casks. In 1820 there were 1,500 hogsheads of lime manufactured there. The last burnt was used in the construction of Lemont Hall in 1870 or 1871. This kiln has sometimes been run the whole season, from April to December, by Mr. Isaiah Jordan, the present owner of the quarry.

**MACHINE-SHOPS.** — In 1827, and for some years previous, Robert Eastman and ——— Jaquith had a machine-shop next to the bridge, where the pulp-mill is now situated. About the same time Nahum Houghton established a shop where Scribner's flour-mill now is, and continued the business there for some years, as late certainly as 1836. Purington's machine-shop was established in 1872.

**MATCH-FACTORY.** — In about the year 1849 the manufacture of matches and match-boxes was begun in a mill on Shad Island, by B. E. Parkhurst, who continued the business until 1854, when the mill was destroyed by fire. The matches were sawed at this mill, and were then sent to Boston, where they were dipped and prepared for market.

**MUSTARD-MILL.** — About the year 1830, J. C. Humphreys established what was known as the **MAINE MUSTARD-MILL**, using for the purpose the upper part of his saw-mill in the Cove. For ten or twelve years he did an extensive business in this branch of industry, and the mustard from his mill enjoyed an almost national fame. The mill was burned in 1842, and General Humphreys then abandoned the business.

**OIL-MILL.** — In 1820 a mill was erected near the factory for expressing linseed oil. It probably existed but for a short time, as some of the older citizens of the town have no remembrance of it.

**PAIL MANUFACTORY.** — In 1825, and for three or four years subsequently, Nahum Houghton and William Chase manufactured water-pails at the end of the toll-bridge, where Scribner's flour-mill now stands. J. C. Humphreys carried on the same business for a year or two from 1835.

**PAPER-BOX MANUFACTORIES.** — The manufacture of jewelry boxes originated in this town by the Dennison family. The originator of the enterprise was Aaron L. Dennison, of Boston, and formerly of Brunswick. In 1843 he kept a jewelry store on Washington Street, Boston. At that time a few paper boxes were used to pack nice jewelry in, but no supply could be had, and the few used were made to order. The idea of manufacturing these boxes in considerable quantities occurred to Mr. Dennison, and was soon put in practice. The only method then known of making such boxes was by scoring the pasteboard half through with a sharp-pointed knife and a pair of common shears. To profitably make such work in large quantities a more expeditious method was needed, and Mr. Dennison therefore improvised two machines to take the place of the ordinary knife and shears. He afterwards invented a machine that would do all the work at one time. This machine was patented, and is the standard one in use for all such work at the present time. The business commenced in 1843 by Mr. Dennison sending some rude machinery and a small stock of paper, with the necessary instructions, to his father, Colonel Andrew Dennison, of Brunswick. The business at first employed from three to five persons, but ten years later as many as twenty-five persons. In 1855, Colonel Dennison sold out to his youngest son, E. W. Dennison, then in the jewelry business in Boston, and the manufacture was then moved to Newton, Massachusetts. In the year 1863 a part of the work was returned to Brunswick and placed under the superintendence of Mrs. M. D. Swift, a sister of E. W. Dennison. In 1867, Mr. Dennison deemed it expedient to make a finer grade of goods than was ever before made, and Brunswick was selected as the best place in which to carry on the work. His nephew, B. L. Dennison, was appointed superintendent, and the business was commenced and carried on separate from any other. Many improvements were made by the new superintendent, the most important of which was the invention of a machine to make cushions for ring-boxes. This fine work department employed, at first, about ten hands, and in five years twenty-five hands. In 1872 the Dunlap Block was purchased and enlarged to a sufficient capacity to accommodate one hundred workmen, and the Newton factory was moved to it.

In 1875, B. L. Dennison commenced the manufacture of boxes, taking with him, in the business, Mr. C. J. Perkins, of Portland. This firm of Dennison & Perkins gives employment to twenty-five or thirty persons. The amount paid for labor alone, in this industry, in Brunswick, may be safely estimated as high as \$25,000 per year.

The annual number of boxes manufactured is said to average over one hundred gross per day for three hundred days in the year, or, in round numbers, 4,500,000 boxes per year.

**PAPER STAINING MANUFACTORY.** — About the year 1820, and for several years subsequently, Mr. William Snowdon carried on the business of staining, or printing, wall papers, in a building which stood a short distance south of the college grounds.

**PLOUGH MANUFACTORY.** — In 1850, Silas Goddard commenced the manufacture of steel and iron ploughs, cultivators, etc., at the Goddard homestead, at the extreme western part of Brunswick. The manufacture has been continued to the present time, and some excellent work has been turned out.

**PULP MANUFACTORY.** — The Androscoggin Pulp Company was incorporated in September, 1870, for the manufacture of wood pulp, box boards, and card middles. The stockholders then were: Samuel R. Jackson, of Brunswick; S. A. Perkins, F. A. Hussey, of Topsham; E. B. Dennison, and C. D. Brown, then of Yarmouth. The capital stock was \$6,000. The officers were S. R. Jackson, president, and E. B. Dennison, secretary and treasurer. They commenced the manufacture of wood pulp in the fall of 1871, in Topsham, but removed to the Brunswick side of the river in the fall of 1872. The present capital of the company is \$60,000. William A. Russell, of Lawrence, Massachusetts, is president, and E. B. Dennison, of Portland, is the secretary and treasurer. From forty to fifty workmen are employed in the manufacture of wood pulp and wood-pulp boards, both of which are shipped all over the country. There are several mills in different parts of the State, which are operated under a license from this company.

**SALT WORKS.** — During the war of the Revolution, and down to the close of the war of 1812, salt was manufactured at the New Meadows River. Benjamin Shaw,<sup>1</sup> of Roxbury, Massachusetts, and John Bakeman,<sup>2</sup> of Castine, were engaged in the business at New Meadows during the Revolution.

**SOAP FACTORY.** — In 1820 there was a manufactory of soap in the Cove, carried on by Dean Swift, at which 12,000 pounds of hard soap was annually made, and shipped to the West Indies. In 1874, and for a few years previously, Levi F. Andrews had a similar factory in East Brunswick, and L. H. Bryant now carries on the business a short distance from the village, on the road to Bath.

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<sup>1</sup> *History of Gardiner*, p. 137.

<sup>2</sup> *History of Castine, etc.*, p. 199.



**SUSPENDER FACTORY.** — In September, 1867, Edwin H. Thompson and William H. Stanwood commenced the manufacture of suspenders with metallic springs. The business did not prove sufficiently remunerative to be long continued.

**TOOL MANUFACTORIES.** — For five or six years, about 1844, Mr. E. Hazen carried on the business of manufacturing hammers, and produced some excellent articles. In 1854, J. P. Storer manufactured ship-joiners' and spar-makers' tools, and in 1856 he added to it the manufacture of planes.

**OTHER INDUSTRIES.** — It is not at all probable that all the various branches of industry that have from time to time been carried on in this town have been specified, or that all the parties have been named who have been engaged in those pursuits which have been mentioned. Enough has been given, however, to show that the town will compare favorably, in respect to its trade and manufactures, with other towns of its size in this State. It will, moreover, be seen that, though the location of Bowdoin College in Brunswick has been, in various ways, a great and undoubted benefit to the town, yet the statement so often made, that the college supports the town, is untrue.

In ante-revolutionary times the principal business here, besides farming and fishing, was the shipping of wood to Boston. A great deal of it went from Bunganock Bay. At one time during that period, a vessel took over ninety cords. The price here was from 3s. 9d. to 4s. 6d. per cord, and it brought in Boston from two dollars to two dollars and fifty cents per cord. At that time bark was worth here 9s., and at Boston three dollars.

During old colonial times, especially between 1766 and 1776, when the Province of Maine was under the control of the crown officers of Massachusetts, all trees suitable for masts for the royal navy were, by royal decree, held to be the property of the crown, and commissioners were appointed by the king to look after their preservation. This interfered seriously with the profits of the settlers, as it was the custom of the commissioners to put the royal mark on all the good timber, leaving only the poorer stuff for those who in reality, perhaps, had the most equitable right to the best. As a natural consequence the settlers paid comparatively little attention to the royal decree, and cut the wood as they pleased. This brought about frequent collisions between them and the officers of the crown. Such was the state of affairs in the Province of Maine generally, and it is fairly presumable that the citizens of this town and vicinity shared in these troubles, though no mention of such fact has been found.

## BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES.

In January, 1822, Abner Bourne and others petitioned the legislature for incorporation as a bank. The Act incorporating them was passed, and in 1825 the UNION BANK, of Brunswick, went into operation. David Dunlap was the first president, and Ebenezer Everett the cashier. The latter served in the same capacity, with great acceptance, for fourteen years, and was then succeeded by Joseph McKeen, who served until the affairs of the bank were wound up. Mr. Dunlap resigned some time before his decease, in 1843, and was succeeded by Major William Frost, of Topsham.

THE BRUNSWICK BANK went into operation August 15, 1836, and the bank building was erected that year. Richard T. Dunlap was the first president, and Moses E. Woodman the cashier. The directors were Richard T. Dunlap, George F. Richardson, Alfred J. Stone, John C. Humphreys, and Gardiner Green. Mr. Woodman held the office of cashier until 1839, when he resigned in consequence of ill health. He was succeeded by Phineas Barnes, who resigned in 1841, and was succeeded by Augustus C. Robbins. The latter served from November 1, 1841, until December 31, 1850, and was then succeeded by John Rogers, who remained until the closing up of the bank in 1857. The capital stock of this bank was \$75,000, fifty per cent being paid at the outset.

THE SECOND UNION BANK received its charter in July, 1850, and commenced operations January 1, 1851. Joseph McKeen, Esq., was its president to October 14, 1863, and was succeeded by Adam Lemont, who served until the closing of the bank in 1865. Augustus C. Robbins was cashier from the opening of the bank to September 9, 1857. He was succeeded by Bartlett Adams, who served until July 1, 1865, at which time the bank was changed to a national bank. The capital stock was, up to May 1, 1858, \$100,000. After the latter date it was \$50,000.

THE MAINE BANK was incorporated April 22, 1857, and went into operation on the eighteenth of June. Its capital stock was \$50,000. Samuel R. Jackson served as president from June 18, 1857, to December 9, 1862, and again from October 19, 1863, to December 17, 1863. Nathaniel T. Palmer was president from December 9, 1862, to October 19, 1863. Augustus C. Robbins was cashier from June 18, 1857, to November 1, 1859; and Ai Brooks, Jr. from November 1, 1859, to December 17, 1863, at which time the bank ceased to exist as a State bank.

The PEJEPSCOT BANK went into operation October 2, 1857, with a capital stock of \$75,000, of which one half was paid in. The officers of this bank were Joseph Badger, president; John Rogers, cashier; Joseph Badger, William Barron, Alfred Skolfield, T. S. McLellan, and H. C. Martin, directors.

In June, 1865, this bank was changed into a national bank. The capital stock was \$50,000. William Barron was the first president of the national bank. He was succeeded in January, 1866, by William S. Skolfield, who served until 1875, when H. C. Martin was elected to that office.

John Rogers, who was cashier of the Pejepscot Bank, continued as cashier of the Pejepscot National Bank until August, 1871, when he was found to be a defaulter to the bank, and was arrested and sent to the State prison for the crime. In November of the same year Mr. L. H. Stover was elected cashier, which office he still holds.

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Brunswick (formerly the Maine) was organized December 17, 1863, with a capital stock of \$50,000, which was increased in 1864 to \$75,000, and in 1865 to \$100,000. Samuel R. Jackson was president from December 17, 1863, to January 10, 1871, and was then succeeded by Nathaniel T. Palmer, who still retains the office. Ai Brooks, Jr., was cashier to July 1, 1868, when he was succeeded by John P. Winchell, the present incumbent.

The UNION NATIONAL BANK (formerly the Second Union Bank) was organized in July, 1865, with a capital stock of \$100,000. Adam Lemont served as president till May 22, 1872, when he was succeeded by William Decker, who is the present president of the bank. Bartlett Adams served as cashier from July, 1865, to May, 1868, when he was succeeded by H. A. Randall, the present incumbent of that office.

The BRUNSWICK SAVINGS INSTITUTION was incorporated March 20, 1858. The following is a list of its presidents since then:—

Amherst Whitmore, elected May 11, 1858; Robert Bowker, elected November 1, 1859; John W. Perry, elected May 6, 1862; John L. Swift, elected May 5, 1863; Benjamin Greene, elected May 7, 1867; C. C. Humphreys, elected May 21, 1868; John L. Swift, elected March 4, 1875.

The present Board of Trustees are: Henry Carvill, president; Henry Carvill, Benjamin Greene, A. H. Merryman, Alonzo Day, and John Bishop, trustees; J. M. Winchell, treasurer.

The deposits of the institution in May, 1877, amounted to some over \$313,000.

The TOPSHAM AND BRUNSWICK TWENTY-FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK



was organized March 22, 1875. Wildes P. Walker was the first president, and L. H. Stover, cashier, and both have been continued in office until the present time.

The trustees of the bank in 1875 were Robert Skolfield, O. B. Merrill, Daniel H. Stone, J. F. Whitney, George Barron, E. D. Toothaker, and Wildes P. Walker. The bank is in a prosperous condition.

THE BRUNSWICK MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY was formed in 1856. It had a guaranteed fund of \$260,000. The officers were: Robert McManus, Abner B. Thompson, George F. Mustard, John C. Humphreys, Rodney Forsaith, Samuel Dunning, Robert Bowker, Adam Lemont, Clement Skolfield, Francis T. Purinton, Nehemiah Larrabee, Robert Spear, William S. Skolfield, James Ross, William Decker, directors; Adam Lemont, president; J. W. Forsaith, secretary.

This company was not successful and was obliged to make three assessments upon its stockholders, one of five per cent, one of ten per cent, and one of nine per cent.

In 1865 the affairs of the company were placed in the hands of trustees, Nathan Webb of Portland and C. C. Humphreys of Brunswick, by whose order the last assessment was made and the business of the company was then wound up.

#### TRADES.

Some account will now be given of the regular occupations of the citizens of Brunswick, and of those who were engaged in trade at an early period or who have been particularly prominent in their several avocations. It was intended to give as complete a list of all in each trade as could be obtained, but the size which this work has already attained renders it imperatively necessary to omit the names of all now in business and to speak only of the earlier ones.

AUCTIONEERS. — The first of whom there is any account was John Lee, who was in this business in 1821. After him, in 1829, was John Coburn. Charles Weld was soon after this engaged in the business for a few years. Longer in the business than any one else was J. W. Forsaith, who followed it from about 1837 until 1876.

BAKERS. — The first baker in town is believed to have been Frederick Trench, who came here from Boston about the year 1792. At first he lived at Maquoit, but afterwards he occupied a small house near the colleges, where he baked gingerbread and brewed spruce beer, which he sold to the students and allowed them to keep the accounts. He

is said to have been a most excellent baker, but his qualifications for other business were limited. In some of the earlier lithographs of the college, Trench is shown with his wheelbarrow.

In 1802, and for a few years subsequently, Colonel Thomas Estabrook carried on the business in a building which stood on what is now the road between the meeting-house of the First Parish and the college grounds.

About the year 1812, Ezra Drew had a bakery near the top of the hill which leads to the Androscoggin Bridge. He carried on the business there and elsewhere for ten or a dozen years, the latter portion of the time being in the gambrel-roofed building, still standing on Centre Street.

Francis Card had a bakery in 1819, and carried on the business until 1827, when he sold out to William Harmon, who continued the business until about 1845.

**BARBERS.** — “Billy” Morrison was, according to tradition, the first barber and hair-cutter in Brunswick. He carried on the business early in this century, but precisely when is not known. Nicholas Juitt was in the business as early as 1827. Among his successors were J. H. Rogers in 1836; John Hill, 1836; Farrow & Chavrous, 1845; Henry Robinson, 1848; and J. H. Tebbetts, 1849, and to the present time.

**BLACKSMITHS.** — Mr. Andrew Dunning, who settled at Maquoit in 1717, was a blacksmith by trade, and undoubtedly pursued that avocation for many years.

The next person engaged in this business of whom we have any account was Colonel William Stanwood, whose shop stood on what is now the northwesterly corner of Centre Street, about on the site of the building now (1877) occupied by Larkin Snow, grocer, and J. H. Brackett, tailor. Colonel Stanwood carried on the business for some years previous to 1790. James McFarland, who learned his trade of Colonel Stanwood, took the shop about 1790 and continued the business until 1797, when he moved away and the shop was torn down. About the same time that McFarland carried on the business Calvin Barstow had a shop, and in 1795 Theodore Stone worked at this trade. Since then the business has been carried on by a large number of persons, among whom may be mentioned Nathan Woodard, about 1809; James Jones, about 1810; Jones & Hunt, in 1825; Daniel Coombs, on Mason Street, for many years previous to 1825; Joseph Dustin, about 1820; Barker & Stinchfield on Maine Street, about 1825, said to have been superior workmen; John Noble, Mill Street, 1825 to 1838; Benjamin French, 1838 and subsequently; Knowlton

& Merryman, 1845; Gross & Owen, 1845; William Gross, for many years previous to 1872.

In addition to the above, there was, early in the present century, though the exact date is not known, a blacksmith shop on the corner of Federal and Water Streets, where the Nehemiah Larrabee house now stands. Trueworthy Murray occupied it at one time, and before him was William Hunt.

**BOAT-BUILDERS.** — The only person in Brunswick who is known to have made the building of boats a regular occupation was Wyman Bradbury. He was engaged in this business about the year 1740.

**BOOKBINDERS.** — The earliest bookbinder in Brunswick of whom there is any record was Benjamin B. Hazeltine, who carried on the business in 1820. He was also a manufacturer of pocket-books, military belts, and blank books. He was succeeded by Henry K. Adams, who carried on the business until 1828, when he was followed by Edward Town, who worked at the trade for about one year. Benjamin G. Dennison had a bookbindery from about 1833 until 1855, when he sold out to H. J. L. Stanwood.

**BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.** — Anthony<sup>1</sup> and William<sup>2</sup> Vincent, one or both, are said to have been engaged in this business prior to 1760. The former is said to have been engaged in it about 1735. No date is given in regard to the business of the latter, but he is said to have pursued it at the fort. Tobias Ham, according to a family tradition, was a shoemaker, as well as tanner, and carried on the business, with his farming and tanning, about the middle of the last century. Joseph Jack worked at the trade about 1802, and Jesse P. Mitchell some years later than that. Ebenezer Nichols had a shop about the year 1800. The number of shoemakers since that time is too great to admit of enumeration.

**BUTCHERS.** — There were, probably, persons engaged in this occupation very early in the settlement of the place, but the first person known to have made it an exclusive business was Samuel Beal, who carried on quite an extensive business a few years subsequent to 1802. Somewhere about 1820, Jonathan Pollard carried on the business. Ebenezer Swett, who in his advertisements styled himself "Knight of the Cleaver and Professor of Grease," was engaged in the business in 1840, and for many years subsequently.

**CABINET-MAKERS.** — The only persons known to have been engaged in this business were Shimuel and William Owen, in 1802; John Owen,

<sup>1</sup> McKee, *MS. Lecture*.

<sup>2</sup> Pejepscot *Papers*.



1804; Henry G. H. Swanton, 1828; J. Nelson, 1830; and Philip Owen, J. F. Titcomb, and J. F. Tappan.

CHAIR-MAKERS. — In 1825, Andrew Dewey carried on the manufacture of chairs in a building a few rods south of Elm Street, about where the Brunswick House now stands. In 1845 the same business was carried on by Samuel Owen and son, on Maine Street, a few rods north of Elm Street.

CARRIAGE-MAKERS AND WHEELWRIGHTS. — In 1802 and for a number of years previously and subsequently, Timothy Weymouth carried on the business of making *cart-wheels* in a building which stood on the site of the present meeting-house of the First Parish. He is believed to have been the first in the business here.

Spollett & Johnson were the first in Brunswick to make wagons and carriages, commencing the business about 1820 and continuing for some years together. In 1830, James Spollett had a shop alone, and was engaged in the business for some years, and was succeeded by his son, Augustus F. Spollett. Others have worked at this trade at different times, but none so continuously as the Spolletts.

CARPENTERS AND JOINERS. — There must have been those among the very early settlers who understood this trade and worked at it as occasion required. The earliest reference which has been found to any one who worked exclusively at the trade is to Robert Pearse, who worked on the first meeting-house in 1735. Thomas Neal worked at his trade about the same time, and Robert Smart in 1752. It would be impossible to enumerate all who have worked at this trade since then, but there are two persons, who were particularly prominent in the business in the early part of this century, to whom allusion should be made. Samuel Melcher, 3d, was a superior workman, and built many of the better class of buildings during that period, among which may be mentioned the second meeting-house of the First Parish, which was erected in 1806 on the site of the present edifice; Massachusetts Hall, the old college chapel, Winthrop Hall and Appleton Hall, the houses of Professor Cleaveland, Professor Upham, Professor Newman, and that now occupied by Professor Packard. His last work was the present college chapel, which he superintended in the eightieth year of his age, doing the nicer work himself. He also built, in Topsham, the Baptist and Congregationalist meeting-houses, the Doctor Porter house, now Mrs. Susan T. Purinton's, and the Veazie house, now the residence of Mr. Woodbury B. Purinton.

Mr. Anthony C. Raymond was engaged in this business between the years 1816 and 1839, during which time he built a large number

of public and private buildings, among which were the Tontine Hotel, the Town House, the main building of the Cotton Factory, Maine Hall, of Bowdoin College, and four churches, namely, the old Universalist Meeting-House on Federal Street, the meeting-house on Federal Street now occupied by the Catholics, the Union Meeting-House at Growstown, and the Free-Will Baptist Church in Topsham.

**CORDWAINERS.** — The only person engaged in this business whose name has been met with was Joseph Morse. He carried on his business either just before or during the Revolution.

**DAGUERREAN ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS.** — The first daguerrean artist is believed to have been Charles E. Blake, in 1845. He was succeeded by a Mr. Upton, who carried on the business for several years about 1852. Others in the daguerreotype or photographic business were H. S. Cook, about 1854; J. O. Durgin, 1854; G. S. Smiley, 1854; Mansfield & Hall, 1856; and William Pierce, from 1853 to 1875.

**DENTISTS.** — The first professional dentist to make his appearance in town is thought to have been D. S. Grandin, in 1844. Of course the mere extracting of teeth had been done before that time by individuals who, from sufficient experience, had acquired knowledge and skill enough to warrant them in making it somewhat a specialty. Since then there have been, J. Matthews, about 1845, J. W. Cook, about 1854, and others since.

**GUNSMITHS.** — James Cary, Senior, was the first to work at this trade, which he did for some years previous to 1800, and for a short time subsequently. His shop was on the site of Day's Block, about where E. F. Brown's jewelry store is now. P. Powers, about the year 1828, worked at this business.

**HAT AND CAP MAKERS.** — This business was first established here in 1791, by Lemuel Swift. His shop was in a small building, just north of the Rodney Forsaith house, on Maine Street. Major Swift continued the business until about 1820, when he died, and Joshua Lufkin, who had learned the trade of him, returned from Bath, and carried on the business for his widow for a time. He afterwards carried it on for himself in the same building. He next occupied the wooden building which stood on the site of the brick store now occupied by Barton Jordan. Here he manufactured and sold hats, caps, furs for ladies, sleigh-robcs, and skins of various animals. Many of the older inhabitants can remember the stand of hats, wrapped in tissue paper of different colors, which stood at the side of the door to attract the notice of passers-by. Mr. Lufkin made several different

styles of hats for men and boys, and sometimes for ladies' wear, military hats for trainers, fancy caps for students, and tarpaulins for sailors. William P. Fowler was in partnership with Mr. Lufkin, about 1844, for a short time; and with David Dexter and Richard Holland at other times. Mr. Lufkin continued in the business until about 1848. Mr. Richard Holland also carried on the hat-making business from about 1833 to about 1840.

**MASONS.** — The first mason to have a permanent residence in Brunswick is said to have been Thomas Pool, who came here from Portland in 1802 to build the first college building (Massachusetts Hall). He remained in town and worked at his trade for many years thereafter. A short time after Pool came here another mason, named Chase Wiggin, established himself in the business. The number of those who have worked at the trade since then is quite large.

**MARBLE WORKERS.** — In 1844, Richard Adams carried on the business of making gravestones and doing other work in marble. He was succeeded by his son Francis, now a well-known lawyer in Bath. Edward Melcher, now of Bath, and others have worked at this trade since then.

**NAIL-MAKER.** — About the year 1795 a man named Richardson had a shop on the site of the store now occupied by Barton Jordan, a few doors south of Centre Street, where he made shingle and clapboard nails from iron hoops taken from rum-barrels; and as rum-barrels were then very plenty, he had no difficulty in obtaining hoops sufficient for his purpose. He continued the business for about a year, when he was obliged to abandon it in consequence of the bursting of a cannon, which he fired at a muster in 1796, by which he lost an arm. It is worthy of note that the gun which exploded was one which had formerly been used in Fort George.<sup>1</sup>

**PAINTERS.** — Until after the Revolution there were no painted houses in Brunswick, and consequently there were none who made painting an occupation until after that time. Jack Robertson, an Englishman, established himself here about the year 1800, and is said to have been the first painter in town. The number of those in the business since then is quite large.

Mr. Dean Swift was undoubtedly in the business for a longer period than any one else, having begun in 1818. Sign-painting was his specialty, and in that branch of the business he excelled. He painted for Jackson & May, in 1818, the first gilt sign ever painted in Bruns-

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<sup>1</sup> *Reminiscences of Dean Swift.*



wick; the lettering was done in German text. Mr. Swift did his last job of sign-painting in 1872.<sup>1</sup>

**POTTERS.**—J. Barker, 2d, is the only person known to have had a pottery in Brunswick. He was in the business about 1823 and subsequently.

**SADDLERS AND HARNESS-MAKERS.**—The first person known to have carried on this business in Brunswick was a Mr. Brooks, who came here from Vermont, and who was engaged in it in 1802, and probably for some years previous and subsequent to that time. After him were Stephen Lee, about 1808, and John Lee, his son, who succeeded his father; Edward Ryonson, 1827 to 1858; Prince Dinsmore, in 1829; and others.

**STABLE-KEEPERS.**—From a very early date innkeepers were accustomed to putting up the horses of their guests, but no one is known to have made it a business to keep horses to let until about the year 1808, when a man, whose name is forgotten by our informant, opened a livery stable on Maine Street, a few rods south of Mill Street. After a few years Stephen Lee bought the stable and continued the business for some time. In 1820, John Beals opened a livery stable on the hill opposite the tavern. After him were Nathaniel Springer in 1824, and subsequently; Wyatt & Mitchell in 1836; Robert Bowker and others at a later date.

**TAILORS.**—The only tailors living here in the last century, whose names have come down to us, were Mr. John Miller, who worked at the houses of his customers about 1765, a Mr. Robinson, and a Mr. Hammond. Where the shops of the latter were and when they were in business has not been ascertained. From about 1792 to about 1800 a man named Manning worked at this trade in a building on Mason Street. Mr. Caleb Cushing was engaged in this business from about 1796 to 1830, at which time he sold out his tailoring business to his son, Louis T. Cushing, who had for five years previous been in partnership with his father, and who continued it until his death in 1838. In 1825, and for some years after, Lawrence Joyce carried on the business. Benjamin Mason had a tailoring establishment here from before 1820 to 1830 or later. John L. Swift, John W. Perry, Joseph Hinkley, J. H. Nichols, and others were in the business at a later period.

**TANNERS.**—The earliest tanner of whom we have any account was Tobias Ham, who had a tan-yard at New Meadows, near "Ham's Hill," in 1747 and subsequently. His tan-pits were in the low lands

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<sup>1</sup> His death occurred while this chapter was passing through the press.

of the field east of the present residence of Mr. Cyrus Peterson. Jeremiah Moulton had a tannery in 1802, and at the same time a Mr. Heath had one in what is now the garden of Mr. Robert Bowker. About 1810 the late Adam Lemont carried on the tannery at the latter place. He was succeeded by James Green, who was in turn succeeded by Samuel Moulton. In 1820, Charles Pollard bought Moulton out, and continued the business for some years.

**TOBACCO MANUFACTORY.** — About the year 1800, Doctor Charles Coffin carried on the business of making tobacco into “figs” and “pigtales,” in a building which stood on the lot now occupied by the residence of Mr. Benjamin Greene, on the corner of O’Brien Street. He carried on the business for about three years. He did not himself work at the business, but employed men to work for him.<sup>1</sup>

**WEIGHERS OF HAY, ETC.** — Previous to the year 1816, hay had not been weighed in Brunswick. It was the custom to guess at the weight by the size of the load, and when the seller and the buyer could not agree upon the quantity, they called upon their neighbors to act as referees.

In 1816, Russell Stoddard erected the first scales in Brunswick at a point about opposite Green Street, in what is now the Mall. These scales were similar in construction and appearance to those described further on as in use at Topsham. Of late years there have been quite a number of scales in different parts of the village.

**STORE-KEEPERS.** — In the following account of the traders of Brunswick, mention is made of those only who were in business at an early period, or who were particularly prominent as traders at a later date.

All of the early stores were what were termed variety stores, containing a general assortment of dry and fancy goods, boots and shoes, groceries, liquors, china, glass, earthen, and hard ware, stationery, etc.

In 1715 there was a storehouse connected with Fort George, for depositing goods, and it is probable that the settlers were supplied from it with such articles as their immediate necessities required.

Mr. Woodside likewise had a building, a few years later, at Maquoit in which he traded.<sup>2</sup>

Samuel Standwood and Samuel Moody were licensed retailers prior to 1758. Those early stores were not kept open constantly, but were only opened when customers came to purchase anything.

As early as 1780 old Esquire John Dunlap sold West India goods

<sup>1</sup> *Reminiscences of Dean Swift.*

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

in a building which stood in what is now the yard in front of the office of the late Dr. Lincoln. It is related that there was an unfinished attic over the store, into which a small scuttle-hole opened from the store below. Esquire Dunlap had no money-drawer, and was accustomed to throw pieces of coin received from customers up through the hole into the attic. That was all the safe the times demanded.

Previous to 1800, Benjamin Stone kept store in a building near the northerly corner of Maine and Mill Streets.

In 1798, Veazie & Stone kept store on what is now the northerly corner of Maine and Dunlap Streets, in a building which was owned by Captain John Dunlap. The building was burned that year, but was soon rebuilt and is now standing. The chimney is the original chimney. In 1802, Robert D. Dunning and Josiah Noyes traded in the same store after it was rebuilt.

John Schwartkins, a native of Holland, kept a store in an old building which stood on the site of the present McLellan Block, between the years 1796 and 1822. John Peterson kept a store at New Meadows previous to the year 1800. The building is still standing, but in a dilapidated condition. Doctor Charles Coffin had a store on Maine Street in 1800, and for some seven or eight years later. It was on the corner of O'Brien Street, on the site of the residence of Benjamin Greene. He was a physician, but did not practise, but kept a small stock of medicines.

In 1802, Colonel William Stanwood, Richard Tappan, John Perry, Charles Ryan, and a few others had stores. Mr. Perry continued in trade until about 1830. Daniel and Jotham Stone each had a store as early as 1802. Daniel's first store was in a building which stood about where the foot of the Mall is now. Subsequently he erected the building still standing on Maine Street, on the edge of the cove, about opposite the factory store, and which is now painted green. There he traded for many years. Jotham Stone's store was on Maine Street, on the southerly corner of Mill Street. Here he kept until 1820, or later, doing a large amount of business. His store was considered the best in town.

In 1803, Henry and Frederick Quimby erected a large building where the Tontine now stands, and they kept a store there until about the year 1818.

Nathaniel Poor began trading here about 1808, and continued for many years, a part of the time being in partnership with John Coburn. David Dunlap, on the corner of Maine and Dunlap Streets, and his brother, Richard T. Dunlap, on the corner of Bank Street, where



Smith's billiard-room now is, were prominent traders for many years subsequent to 1812.

Joseph and John McKeen began about the same time, and were in trade for a long series of years. Joseph was on the corner of Maine and Cleaveland Streets, where is now the store of Charles Townsend; and John was on the corner of Maine and Noble Streets, where is now the residence of Doctor Asher Ellis.

Nathaniel Badger was in trade in 1813, and for many years subsequently. At first his store was in a building which stood on the site of the present store of Mr. Barton Jordan; later he occupied a building on the southern corner of Centre Street, where the store of Mr. A. G. Poland now is, and at one time in a building on Pleasant Street, about where the Methodist Church is. He had a good trade.

From 1816 to 1820, and perhaps a little later, L. T. Jackson and Charles May, under the style of Jackson & May, kept a store in the building on Maine Street which is now the residence of Mr. B. G. Dennison. About 1818, Ezra Drew kept a store on Maine Street, in a building on the side of the cove, a few rods south of the Daniel Stone store. He remained in trade only a few years. In 1818, Ephraim Brown and J. C. Humphreys formed a copartnership, and kept a store for a number of years on the southern corner of Mill and Maine Streets.

In 1820 there were at least thirteen stores. Among those in trade that year, who have not already been named, were Waterhouse & West, who were in trade together and singly until about 1828. Jere O'Brien kept store in 1820, and for a few years subsequently. Stone & Morse did a good business between 1820 and 1836. James H. Mills had a store in the old Stanwood Building on the north corner of Maine and Centre Streets, from 1820 to 1830. Roger Merrill was in trade in 1820 and for a few years subsequently on the corner of Maine and Mill Streets. Abner Bourne, in 1820 and subsequently, kept where is now the store of Barton Jordan. A. B. Thompson and A. B. Thompson & Co. in 1820, and for six or eight years, was on the east side of Maine Street on the side of the cove. Joseph Demeritt in 1820, and subsequently Demeritt & Stone, until about 1830. Ethan Earle, on the north corner of Mill Street, in 1820 to 1836, did a large business. Noah Hinkley from 1820 to 1829, on the northern corner of Maine and Mason Streets, where Day's Block now stands, had a large stock and did a good business. Jacob Johnson, from 1820 to 1836, or a few years later, was on the northern corner of Centre Street.

In 1824, John Coburn kept store in Hinkley's Block. In 1825, Jesse

Pierce, and Dunning & Parshley (Nathaniel Dunning and Ebenezer Parshley) were in trade. At a later date these two last-named traders were alone or with other partners. They both traded for some years.

In 1828, Caleb Cushing and his son, Francis D. Cushing, opened a variety store in a building on the corner of Maine and Pleasant Streets, where Lemont Block now stands. The building had been erected by Mr. Caleb Cushing about four years previously. The firm of Cushing & Co. continued the business until 1835, when Francis died, and Mr. Caleb Cushing thereafter conducted the business alone until his death in 1838, when the store passed into the hands of his youngest son, John S. Cushing, who occupied it until it was destroyed by fire in 1849. For nine years previous to taking his father's store, the latter had been in trade at the lower part of the town. For many years previous to the establishment of this store, Mr. Caleb Cushing had carried on the tailoring business in a building a few doors north of Pleasant Street, about where is now the store of G. B. Tenney. Thus for more than fifty years did he or his sons do business at or near the corner, and, until within a few years, the locality was known as Cushing's Corner.

Among those in trade subsequent to 1830 should be mentioned George Earle, 1830 to about 1844; William S. Murray, 1836 and subsequently; Isaac Center, 1845 to 1859; Samuel Webb, 1840 to 1870.

The foregoing list embraces only a small portion of those who were in general trade during the first half of this century. In addition to the foregoing, mention should be made of those who have been engaged in special branches of trade.

The first APOTHECARY in Brunswick was George W. Holden, 1820 to 1832. After him was Henry M. Prescott, 1832 to 1840; and others. Of all who have been in this business in Brunswick, Doctor William Baker was engaged in it the longest, from 1836 to his death in 1867, a period of thirty-one years.

The first BOOKSTORE in Brunswick was established by the late Joseph Griffin in 1822, and he continued in the business until his death in 1874. Among others in the business were Nathaniel Davis, from 1825 to 1866, and William Johnson, from 1845 to about 1860.

The first person to deal exclusively in BOOTS AND SHOES in Brunswick was a Mr. Nichols, who kept a shoe store on Mill Street in 1823, and for a few years later. Of his successors Mr. Lorenzo Day was doubtless engaged in the business longer than any other.

The first person to deal *exclusively* in DRY GOODS was Mr. Daniel Elliot, who has been in the business from 1838 to the present time.

The late Alexander F. Boardman was in the business from 1840 until his death in 1876. Prominent among others in the business since 1840, and who are not now in trade, were Gould Jewell & Co., Henry Carville, and James G. Collins.

The first FURNITURE STORE was established about 1845 by Robert L. Dodge, who subsequently sold out to Harvey Stetson.

The first person who engaged in the MILLINERY business in Brunswick is thought to have been a Mrs. Moody, who had a shop as early as 1820, and perhaps earlier. In 1820, Mrs. L. T. Jackson advertised that she carried on the straw manufacturing business in all its varieties, and that old bonnets could be made over. After her was Miss Mary Humphreys and a Mrs. Whitmore. From 1821 to about 1827, Miss Eliza Nichols had a millinery establishment, and Miss M. Nichols in 1833 or thereabouts.

About the year 1825, Miss Dorothy Giddings and her sister, Mrs. Boardman, came to Brunswick, and opened a millinery store in a wooden building which stood on the north corner of Maine and Green Streets. Here they remained for at least five years, and then removed to a building which stood where the Mason Street Church now stands. Subsequently Mrs. Boardman moved into Dunlap Block, in the store now occupied by B. G. Dennison, where she continued for many years in the millinery and dress-making business, adding to her stock a large variety of dry goods. At the same time Miss Giddings, "Dolly" Giddings as she was called, traded in an old building which stood on the corner of Maine and O'Brien Streets, where is now the residence of Mr. Benjamin Greene. Here she traded until her death in 1870. Her stock was always large and of superior quality, and comprised not only millinery goods, but almost every conceivable article of feminine apparel. Her counters and shelves were piled promiscuously with all sorts of articles and apparently in the greatest disorder, yet she could always quickly find any desired article, no matter how deeply it might be covered with other things. After her death the goods were sold at auction, and many were the articles of ancient costume which were brought to light and sold for a small sum, which once would have cost much and could have been purchased only by the more wealthy citizens. Of those at a later date Miss Harriet N. Houghton, about 1854, and Mrs. B. G. Dennison, 1838 to 1866, should be specially mentioned.

The first TIN SHOP of which there is any record was that kept by G. W. Coffin, opposite the colleges, in 1821. After him were William Prescott, H. M. Prescott, Horace P. Hubbard, and others. Of all



who have been in this business in Brunswick, Mr. Benjamin Furbish is justly entitled to the first rank, he having been engaged in it from 1835 to 1866, a period of thirty-one years. His business was, at first, that of the manufacture of tinware, to which was afterward added the sale of stoves, hardware, agricultural implements, crockery, and glassware. He was the inventor and manufacturer of one of the first cooking-stoves made in the country. He was the first person in Brunswick to keep a general assortment of hardware.

#### PRICES.

An account of the various trades and occupations of the settlers having been given, it will be appropriate here to mention the prices which have prevailed, from time to time, of the necessities of life and the wages paid for labor.

The earliest mention of the price of live stock is in 1635. At this time the current price for good oxen, in New England, was £25 each, for the best. It is not probable that any were owned here at that time.

The following inventory of the Pejepscot proprietors' stock at Brunswick, their list of goods for sale, and the cost of the provision made for their cattle in 1715, will serve to show not only the cost, but the character of the articles in town at that date. Where more than one article of the same kind is given, the reader can make his own calculation as to the price of each.

The lime which stands at the head of the list was sold in hogsheads containing one hundred pounds, and the price was twenty-one shillings per hogshead, probably exclusive of the barrel.

The following is the list of the STOCK AT BRUNSWICK: —<sup>1</sup>

40 hh <sup>ds</sup> of Stone Lime . . . . .	£50	4	4
2 Yoke of Oxen . . . . .	29	0	0
1 Cart horse . . . . .	7	5	0
Cart, Collars & tackling . . . . .	8	12	0
2 Cows with Calf . . . . .	9	0	0
4 Swine . . . . .	7	0	0
1 Canoe & 2 boat oars . . . . .	2	5	10
James Irish our Serv't man . . . . .	9	1	6
Books of Accts & Records . . . . .	1	2	6
1 Plow 20/ Timber chain 28/ . . . . .	2	8	0
Silvanus Davis' Land of Nelson . . . . .	40	0	0
15 Axes . . . . .	4	1	6
2 Iron Crows . . . . .	1	5	0

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

6 hoes 25/ 6 Hatchets 21/	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	£2	6	0
3 Spades 22/6: 3 Shovels 12/	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	14	6
4 mauls 10/ 1 fork &c 10/	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	0	0
1 Grindstone 6/ Rope 30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	16	0
2 Compasses	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	8	0
1 peck & $\frac{1}{2}$ peck	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	3	0
									£178	13 2

CARGO for sale by proprietors at Brunswick, 1715 : —<sup>1</sup>

Smiths tools, as per bill	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	£9	13	6
Carpenters tools	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	6	6
1 Tierce Rum	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	12	0
1 bbl Molasses	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	16	7
1 Tierce Sugar	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	6	4
4 Jackets & Breeches	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	0	0
1 Watchcoat	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	5	0
1 bb : of roll'd Tobacco	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	18	9
2, 1, 12 of Iron at 40/	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	14	10
10 cheeses	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	18	6
2 bbs of salt	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	16	6
1 doz yarn hose	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	6	0
6 mill'd caps	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	0
2 gro. short pipes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	8	0
10 <sup>c</sup> hard soap	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	6	8
									£64	10 2

PROVISION FOR CATTLE & Keeping this winter (1715-16) : —<sup>2</sup>

3 Bundles screwed hay	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	£20	6	0
4 load of salt hay	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	0	0
20 bushells oats	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	4
Keeping hogs in Town	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	10	0
1 hhd Indian Corn	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	8	3
1 hhd of Oats	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	8	9
2 bush. Corn & Bag	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	11	0
Getting Cattle on board	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	6	0
Water hhds	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	3	0
									£14	16 4

On the cover of the Records from which the above is taken is the following, "4 Q<sup>r</sup> F. C. 12/," which probably means "four quires of foolscap. price 12/." This entry was probably made at the time of the purchase of the book, and shows the value of paper at that time.

In 1730 the Pejepscot proprietors paid for lumber as follows : —

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

To 700 boards . . . . .	£2 2 0
To 600 feet Merble & 500 ft refuse boards . . . . .	2 11 0 <sup>1</sup>

During Revolutionary times it cost one man the labor of half a month in haying-time to buy a pair of shirts. Men made it a condition in their contracts, at that time, that, if they hired near the falls, they should not have salmon to eat oftener than five days in a week, or if they hired near the salt-water bays, that they should not have wild fowl, clams, or fish more than three fourths of the time.<sup>2</sup>

A similar statement is often made in relation to other towns, and it is not at all improbable that such provisions were often, in olden times, inserted into the contracts between laborers and their employers quite generally throughout New England.

In 1777 a list of prices for labor, provisions, etc., was fixed by a committee chosen by the town in accordance with an Act of the General Court of Massachusetts, entitled "An Act to prevent Monopoly and Oppression." In order that the present generation may know somewhat of the expenses and mode of life of their forefathers, this list is inserted in this connection, just as it appears upon the records:—

"*Common Labour* from y<sup>e</sup> first of April to the last of Nov 3/ pr day and found as usual, and at other seasons of the year in proportion.

"*Mowing and Reaping* 3/8 pr day and found as usual.

"*Carpenters & Joyners* 4/ p<sup>r</sup> day & found as usual.

"*Men taylers* 3/ pr day & found.

"*Oxen* 2/8 pr day.

"*Good Marchantable Wheet* 7/6 per B<sup>l</sup>.

"*Good Rye* 5/ pr B<sup>l</sup>.

"*Oates* 3/ pr B<sup>l</sup>.

"*Good Indian Corn or Meal* 4/4 pr B<sup>l</sup>.

"*Good Sheeps wool* 2/ pr pd.

"*English Hay* 3/ pr H<sup>d</sup>.

"*Salt Hay* 2/ pr H<sup>d</sup>.

"*Good fresh pork* well fatted 6<sup>d</sup> pr pd.

"*Salt Pork* 7<sup>d</sup> pr pd.

"*Good Beef* 3<sup>d</sup> pr pound and *Beef* of an inferiour kind in proportion.

"*Raw Hides* 3<sup>d</sup> pr pd.

"*Calve Skins* 6<sup>d</sup> pr pound.

"*Sole Leather* 1/3 pr pound and upper leather in proportion.

"*Good Marchantable Salt* 10/ pr Bll.

"*Salt* made from sea water in the State 12/.

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*



" *Good West India Rum* 6/8 by the H<sup>d</sup> including the Cask & 6/10 by the Barrell exclusive of the Barrell. 7/8 by the single gall and 2/ by the Quart & so in proportion for a smaller quantity.

" *New England Rum* 3/10 by the H<sup>d</sup> or Bll exclusive of 13/4 for the H<sup>d</sup> & 4/ for the Bll, 4/6 by the Gall with a reasonable allowance for transporting it from where it is Distil<sup>d</sup> & smaller quantity in proportion.

" *West India toddy* 1/ pr mug.

" *New E. Do* 9<sup>d</sup> pr mug.

" *Oates* 3<sup>d</sup> pr quart.

" *Horse Keeping* 1/10 pr night.

" *Good Flax* 1/ pr pound.

" *Spanish Potatoes* 1/2 in the fall 1/6 in the Spring or Sum<sup>r</sup>.

" *Other Potatoes* 1/6 in the fall & 2/ in the Spring or Summer.

" *Gease* 7/.

" *Beans* 6/ pr B<sup>ll</sup>.

" *Butter* 10<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> single p<sup>d</sup> & 9<sup>d</sup> by the firkin.

" *Good Cheese* manufactured in this State 6<sup>d</sup> pr pound.

., *Good Brown Sugar* 3<sup>d</sup> pr Hundred & 8<sup>d</sup> pr the single p<sup>d</sup>.

" *Molasses* 3/4 by the Hog<sup>d</sup> inclusive of the H<sup>d</sup> & 3/8 by the B<sup>ll</sup> exclusive of the B<sup>ll</sup> and 4/ by the gallon.

" *Good Yarn Stockens* 6/8 pr pair.

" *Mens Shoes* made of good neat Leather of the Best Common Sort 8/ pr pair and for others in like proportion according to their size and quality.

" *Good Salt Beef* 3½<sup>d</sup> pr pound.

" *Cotton Wool* 3/8 pr pound.

" *Good Coffy* 1/4 pr pound.

" *Good yard wide Cotton & Linen* 4/ pr y<sup>d</sup> and other widths in proportion.

" *Good Mutton, Lamb & Veal* 4<sup>d</sup> pr pd.

" *Good White Pine Boards* 36/ pr thousand.

" *Good Marchantable White Pine Shingles* 8/ pr thousand."

Men were allowed for work on the highways thirty dollars each per day. The use of a plough was five dollars per day. The price of a pair of army shoes was set by that of seven pecks of corn, and the price of a blanket by that of four bushels of corn.

In 1778 provisions were still dearer, and one man said that he had to pay three *silver* dollars for one bushel of corn.<sup>1</sup> This excessive

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, Manuscript Lecture.*

price was not, it will be seen, due to the depreciation of the currency. It was owing to the fear of a famine, and was not lasting. Yet there was a very great and rapid depreciation in the value of the currency between 1777 and 1781, which caused much financial distress. On January 1, 1777, one hundred dollars in silver was worth but one hundred and five dollars in currency. In 1778 the worth of the same silver had increased to \$328 in currency; in 1779, to \$742; in 1780, to \$2,934; and<sup>1</sup> in February, 1781, it was worth \$7,500.

The following bill for repairs, made upon the east meeting-house in 1785, is inserted in this place to show the cost of labor and the prices of carpenters' materials, etc., immediately after the close of the Revolutionary war. Mr. Peterson, who made, or superintended, the repairs, probably prepared the boards and other lumber used at his mill at New Meadows River. The amount charged for grog is quite reasonable, considering that the labor lasted for four if not five days, and that the customs of the time allowed an almost unlimited use of this beverage.

" May ye 25. 1785 the town of Brunswick Dr to John Peterson for

James Wookfields Bill . . . . .	20	17	5
to 4 m of shingles at 12/ to ½ m of Claboard Nails 3/ . . . .	2	11	6
to ½ m Duble tens 7/ 500 board most Clear 30/ . . . .	1	17	0
timber for the porch & scaffold 6/½ Day work with team 6/ .	0	12	0
2 m shingle nails at 4/ 300 feet Boards 12/ . . . . .	1	0	0
paid for one & half Days work 10/ Grog for Carpenters 1/6 .	0	11	6
350 feet boards for staging 15/ 40 feet pine timber . . . .	1	1	0
halling timber & boards 3/ 2 m shingle nails 8/ . . . .	0	11	0
1 m Claboard nails 6/ 8¼ pound of shingle nails 10/ . . . .	0	16	0
4¼ m of shingles at 12/ . . . . .	2	17	0
8½ pound Dubble tens 7/ 7 pound Shingle nails 8/ . . . .	0	15	0
12 pound more of Shingle nails 3 & ½ m . . . . .	0	14	0
5 gll fish oyl at 2/8 . . . . .	0	13	4
3 Day work of my self & Weston at 3/ . . . . .	0	18	0
1½ Day work more my self . . . . .	0	6	0
2 mugs Grog for Carpenters 1/6 1½ mugs more 1/2 . . . .	0	2	8
	36	2	11

" A true Coppy from my book Drawn off this 5 Day of April 1790, by me  
"JOHN PETERSON."

From a day-book of Mr. Jotham Stone, kept in 1806 and 1807, the following interesting facts are obtained:—

A common laborer, in those days, received seventy-five cents for a

<sup>1</sup> *History of Concord, Mass.*, p. 123.

day's work, — from sunrise to sunset. Female help received four shillings a week. A seamstress or dress-maker received twenty-five cents a day; a tailoress, two shillings. These avocations, with spinning and weaving, constituted the whole range of female labor.

Very few dress goods were sold; people wore those of their own manufacture, of cotton and wool. A calico or a cambric were the go-to-meeting dresses for the masses. It was only the rich who sported silks, and those were heirlooms.

The largest quantity of calico sold by Mr. Stone to one person, during the year, was to Mr. Samuel Melcher, twenty-three yards, at a cost of ten dollars and fifty cents. This made *four dresses*, — *large patterns, too!*

The only ready-made clothing for men was dye-pot blue woollen pants (they were called trousers then), just as the cloth came from the loom, at one dollar and seventy-five cents per pair.

Among the goods sold by Mr. Stone were bonnets at from one dollar and twenty-five cents to five dollars and fifty cents, muffs and tippets, laces and ribbons, silks, shawls, silk hose, books, hardware, provisions, groceries, and what was then considered an indispensable necessary of life and a test of hospitality in every house, rum, brandy, gin, and wine. Nearly every customer, from the Rev. Mr. ——— to the tenant of the gutter, had it charged to him. Liquors were then cheap. Good old Santa Croix was only one dollar and seventeen cents, and brandy and gin one dollar and fifty cents per gallon.

Next to liquors it is surprising to note the quantity of cheese sold at eighteen to twenty cents per pound.

Sugar, tea, coffee, and tobacco were the next most prominent articles.

There was a kind of tobacco done up in a cord and wound into balls, like wicking, which was called ladies' twist, and a coarser kind called pigtail, both of which were sold by the yard.

Of flour very little was sold. The people lived on home-grown grain. During the year there were but two whole barrels charged. One of these was to Reverend B. Titcomb, ten dollars and fifty cents; and the other was to Reverend J. McKeen. Two half barrels were sold to two individuals; two others bought each one dollar's worth, being fourteen pounds. Doubtless some flour was paid for on delivery, but probably very little, as nearly everybody had an account in those days.

From the same day-book the following list of prices in 1806-7 is made up, which is compared with another list, obtained from the



*Brunswick Telegraph* in 1853. The reader can make his own comparison with the prices of the present day.

## PRICE CURRENT.

ARTICLES.	1806-7.	1853.
Butter, per pound . . . . .	.20-25 . .	.20-25
Corn brooms . . . . .	.50 . .	.20-25
Broadcloth, per yard . . . . .	\$4-8. . .	\$2-4.
Bar soap, per lb. . . . .	.17 . .	.06-08
Beef, per cwt. . . . .	4.50 . .	5-7.
Pork, round hogs, lb. . . . .	.10-12 . .	.07-08
Pork, clear lb. . . . .	.20 . .	.12
Brown sugar, cwt. . . . .	14. . .	6-7.50
Loaf sugar, lb. . . . .	.28-30 . .	.09-10
Hyson tea, lb. . . . .	1.50 . .	.67
Souchong, lb. . . . .	1. . .	.33-40
Bohea, lb. . . . .	.50 . .	.25
Cheese, lb. . . . .	.17-20 . .	.10-12
Tobacco, lb. . . . .	.25 . .	.25
White lead, lb. . . . .	.25 . .	.08-09
Linseed oil, gall. . . . .	1.50-1.75 . .	.80
Spirits turpentine . . . . .	1.50 . .	.75-80
Wrought nails, per 100 . . . . .	1.00 . .	.25
4p. and 6p. nails per lb. . . . .	.17 . .	.05
10p. nails per lb. . . . .	.10 . .	.05
Cuba coffee, lb. . . . .	.40 . .	.10
India cotton, yd. . . . .	.30 . .	.05
British cotton, yd. . . . .	.58 . .	.13
Eggs, doz. . . . .	.15-17 . .	.10-20
Glass, per 100 ft. . . . .	15.00 . .	4.50
Glass, 8 by 10, per light . . . . .	.10 . .	.03
Lamb and mutton, lb. . . . .	.06-07 . .	.06-07
Veal, lb. . . . .	.08-10 . .	.06-08
Chickens, lb. . . . .	.06-08 . .	.08-12
Geese, lb. . . . .	.07 . .	.08
Turkey, lb. . . . .	.08 . .	.10-12
Salmon, lb. . . . .	.08 . .	.20-25
Molasses, gall. . . . .	.58 . .	.25
Vinegar, gall. . . . .	.33 . .	.17-20
Cotton wool, lb. . . . .	.35 . .	.07-08
Cask raisins, lb. . . . .	.17 . .	.12

ARTICLES.	1806-7.	1853.
Box raisins, lb. . . . .	.25	.17-20
Figs, lb. . . . .	.20	.17
Cranberries, qt. . . . .	.12½	.10
Corn, bush. . . . .	\$1.00	
Hay, 100 lbs. . . . .	2.00	\$1.00
Table-salt, bush. . . . .	3.00	
Saleratus, lb. . . . .	.25	.07
Nutmegs, per oz. . . . .	.67	.08
Lemons, doz. . . . .	.75	.37
Rice, lb. . . . .	.08	.05
Starch, lb. . . . .	.50	.17
Lard, lb. . . . .	.18	.16
Oats, bush. . . . .	.79	.50
Dry cod-fish, lb. . . . .	.06	.05
Crackers, doz. . . . .	.17	.08
Potatoes, bush. . . . .	.50	.50
Barn shovels . . . . .	1.00	.50-92
Hoe . . . . .	.75	.50
Axe . . . . .	2.00	1.00
Hammer . . . . .	.75	
Calico . . . . .	.56	.10
Black and white cambrie . . . .	1-1.50	.17-50
Tallow candles . . . . .	.25	.17
Flour, bbl. . . . .	10.50	6-8.50

The following was the price current in September, 1820 : —

Apples (per bushel) . . . . .	25 to 37 cents.
Butter . . . . .	14 “ 16 “
Barley . . . . .	16 “ 70 “
Beef . . . . .	4 “ 6 “
Corn . . . . .	70 “ 80 “
Cheese . . . . .	6 “ 10 “
Eggs . . . . .	10
Oats . . . . .	37 “ 42 “
Pork, fresh . . . . .	5 “ 8 “
Poultry . . . . .	6 “ 10 “
Potatoes . . . . .	28 “ 33 “
Lamb . . . . .	4
Wood, per cord . . . . .	\$2.00
Lumber, merchantable . . . . .	\$7.00 to 8.00

According to tradition, the Indians used to come from the headwaters of the Kennebec, and even from Canada, to gather the blueberries upon our plains. This crop has always been a source not only of pleasure to the housewives of this vicinity, but of real profit to the town. How much the sale of this berry has aggregated during the past half-century it is impossible even to approximately judge, but the statement of the *Brunswick Telegraph* in 1872, that Mr. C. E. Townsend alone had bought of one family, during the previous summer, berries to the amount of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, will show that the value of the crop is by no means to be undervalued.

In the earlier days of all our New England settlements the use of ardent spirits as a beverage was a common habit with all classes, and the town now under consideration offered no exception to the rule. On the contrary, the sale of liquors in this town was, as the following statement shows, immense.

AMOUNT OF LIQUORS SOLD AT BRUNSWICK FROM APRIL, 1812, TO  
APRIL, 1813.<sup>1</sup>

	Galls.	Amount- ing to
John Swartkin sold in one year:—		
W. I. Rum . . . . .	557	
N. E. " . . . .	344	
Brandy . . . . .	126	
Gin . . . . .	80	
Wine . . . . .	176	
	—1,283 =	\$2,292 00
D. & R. Dunlap sold in one year:—		
W. I. Rum . . . . .	1,692	
Gin . . . . .	60	
Brandy . . . . .	30	
	—1,782 =	2,382 00
Sold by N. Poor in six months:—		
W. I. Rum . . . . .	125	
N. E. " . . . .	120	
Brandy . . . . .	38	
Gin . . . . .	30	
Wine . . . . .	15	
	—328 =	528 00
Capt. Tappan sold in one year:—		
W. I. Rum . . . . .	215	
N. E. " . . . .	105	
Gin . . . . .	96	
Wine . . . . .	64	
	—480 =	651 50

<sup>1</sup> This list is compiled from statements made by each of the dealers named. The papers were found among those of Doctor Isaac Lincoln.



	<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	Galls.	Amount- ing to
		3,873	\$5,853 50
Sold by Nath. Badger in one year:—			
W. I. Rum . . . . .	440		
N. E. “ . . . .	500		
Brandy . . . . .	90		
Gin . . . . .	90		
Wine . . . . .	50		
Cordials . . . . .	60		
	—1,230 =		1,599 00
Sold by J. Stone in one year:— . . .	432		
	—432 =		530 00
Sold by D. Stone & Co. in one year:—			
W. I. Rum . . . . .	819		
N. E. “ . . . .	585		
Brandy . . . . .	60		
Wine . . . . .	60		
Gin . . . . .	120		
	—1,644 =		2,292 00
Sold by J. McKen in one year:—			
W. I. Rum . . . . .	505		
N. E. “ . . . .	592		
Gin . . . . .	52		
Wine . . . . .	92		
Brandy . . . . .	73		
	—1,314 =		1,664 60
Thos. S. Estabrook sold in one year:— .	100		
	—100 =		400 00
Total . . . . .		8,593 =	\$12,339 10

In the opinion of the dealers, one third of the liquor sold was carried out of town. The foregoing statement was probably prepared at the instance of the Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell Society for the Prevention of Intemperance.

In 1819 there were ten stores in the town, at all of which ardent spirits were kept for sale. It is said that “even respectable women claimed their right to take a social glass around the hogshead, turned up for a table, in the retailer’s store.” It must be remembered that this custom of public drinking prevailed at that time throughout the whole country. A few years later, the respectable traders, with but one exception, quit the business. Captain Daniel Stone was the first one who refused to sell liquor by the glass. The first store where no liquor was sold was kept in about 1825 by Jesse Pierce, from Monmouth.

The traders in Brunswick at this time were the moneyed men.

Nearly all the money of the place was in their hands, and consequently many young men, who came here between 1820 and 1830 to enter upon business, failed in consequence of giving their debtors too much scope.<sup>1</sup>

#### POPULATION.

Since the amount of business transacted in any town bears some relation to the population of the place, the number of citizens in Brunswick at different periods is here given, in order that the reader may be able to form a correct judgment as to the comparative prosperity of the town at different times.

Two years before the incorporation of the town, there were between thirty and forty persons in town.<sup>2</sup> Assuming the rate of increase to have been uniform between 1735 and 1790, the population of the town in 1740 may be set down at one hundred and sixty. The following is the census of the town for every year since 1740 that we have been able to obtain it, down to 1810. From the latter date to the present, the census is given for each ten years.

In 1765 there were 173 families, 139 males under sixteen years of age, 149 above sixteen, 114 females under, and 98 over sixteen, and four negroes. The total, exclusive of Indians, was 506.

In 1771 there were two slaves; the number of whites is not given.

In 1776 the population was, white, 867.

In 1778 there were males above sixteen, 198; Revolutionary soldiers (who enlisted for three years), 33.<sup>3</sup>

In 1790 the population was 1,387; 1810, 2,682; 1820, 2,931; 1830, 3,547; 1840, 4,259; 1850, 4,976; 1860, 4,723; 1870, 4,727.

#### VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Under this heading is given the valuation of the town at such periods as we have been able to ascertain it.

In 1758 the valuation of the east end of the town was: Polls, 44; real estate, £521 12s. 8d.; personal property, £452 1s. Total, £973 13s. 8d.

The richest man in that portion of the town was Aaron Hinkley, whose property was assessed at £91 4s.

The valuation of the west end of the town was: Polls, 48; real estate, £820 3s. 4d.; personal property, £652 4s. Total, £1,472 7s. 4d.

<sup>1</sup> *Griffin's Press of Maine*, p. 72, note.

<sup>2</sup> *Williamson, History of Maine*, 2, p. 191, note.

<sup>3</sup> *The above is from Massachusetts Archives, Book 185, p. 391.*

The richest man in that section of the town, and in the town, was Samuel Stanwood, whose property was assessed at £151. Next to him in wealth was John Minot, whose property was assessed at £146 10s. Captain James Thompson, Cornelius Thompson, Nathaniel Larrabee, and Isaac Snow, at the east end, and John Smart, John Orr, the Widow Simpson, Samuel Clark, Thomas Skolfield, the Widow Dunning, Captain William Woodside, Robert Spear, and David Dunning, at the west end, were each possessed of property valued at over £50.<sup>1</sup>

The total valuation of the whole town at this time was £2,560 6s. 6d.

The following is an inventory of the taxable property in 1762 :—<sup>2</sup>

	East End.	West End.
Polls . . . . .	71 . . . . .	71
Cows . . . . .	60 . . . . .	152
Oxen . . . . .	36 . . . . .	62
Horses . . . . .	17 . . . . .	31
Sheep . . . . .	47 . . . . .	263
Swine . . . . .	41 . . . . .	109
Marsh hay (?). . .	102 . . . . .	89
Mills . . . . .	4 . . . . .	2

The valuation of the town in 1765 was : Polls, 149 ; east end, £1,477 14s. ; west end, £2,292 5s. Total, £3,769 19s. As certified to by the assessors, it was £3,732 2s. ; but this difference is probably due to an error on their part in summing up their totals.

Thomas Minot was the richest man in town at that time, his property being valued at £123 6s.<sup>3</sup>

The number of houses that year was seventy-three.

In 1771 the valuation of the town was : Polls, 172 ; real estate, £422 2s. ; amount of money at interest more than the parties paid interest for, £33 13s. 4d. ; the value of personal property not given.

The valuation of the town in 1776 was : East end, £7,990 7s. ; west end, £11,966 13s.

Benjamin Stone was the richest man in town at that time, his property being valued at £712 ; John Dunlap's at £700 ; William Stanwood's at £605 ; Vincent Woodside's and Aaron Hinkley's, each at £548 ; David and Andrew Dunning's, Samuel Stanwood's, Thomas Skolfield's, Cornelius and James Thompson's, George Coombs's, and Nathaniel Larrabee's, each at from £300 to £400.

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MS Lecture.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*



In 1791 the valuation for the east end was : Polls, 321 ; real and personal estate, £6,934 16s.

The richest person at that time in that part of the town was Captain John Peterson, whose property was estimated at £830 1s. 8d.

The valuation for that year of the west end has not been found, but the following is an inventory of the taxable property of that section of the town that year : Polls, 87 ; houses, 44 ; shops, 3 ; barns, 43 ; mills (taxed here), 1 + ; acres of tillage, 166½ ; of English mowing, 381 ; of fresh meadow, 5 ; of salt marsh, 53 ; of pasture, 306 ; of unimproved land, 4,279 ; tons of vessels, 400 ; horses, 48 ; oxen, 112 ; neat cattle, 237 ; cows, four years old, 191 ; swine, 77.

Of the improved land Thomas Skolfield, Senior, Thomas Pennell, and Daniel Given each owned twenty acres. Captain Thomas Skolfield owned more unimproved land and pasture than any one else, his quantity being two hundred and seventeen acres. Of the horses, Doctor Goss, Thomas Pennell, Thomas Skolfield, and Benjamin Chase each owned two. Of oxen, Robert Spear, Thomas Pennell, Samuel Hewey, John Crips, Benjamin Chase, Lewis Simpson, Joseph Melcher, and Vincent Woodside, Senior, each owned four. Robert Spear also owned fourteen neat cattle, eight cows, and five swine. Thomas Pennell also owned eight cows.

The subsequent valuations of the town were as follows :—

Year.	Valuation.	Polls taxed.
1810 . . . .	\$325,280 . . . .	480
1820 . . . .	403,793 . . . .	510
1841 . . . .	815,178 . . . .	730
1850 . . . .	1,107,822 . . . .	
1860 . . . .	1,421,091 . . . .	766
1870 . . . .	1,834,039 . . . .	916

The most prosperous period in the history of the town, unless the present may be called so, was undoubtedly between 1820 and 1850.

In 1820 there were more than twenty stores, well filled with goods, and numerous mechanic shops of different kinds. There were one hundred and twenty-five houses in the village, besides five hotels and five places of public worship.<sup>1</sup>

The eastern part of the town, New Meadows, was at that time gaining rapidly in commerce and fisheries. For the three years between 1820 and 1824, the number of buildings erected in the village was sixty-four. Probably this was as large a number, in proportion

<sup>1</sup> Putnam, *op. cit.*

to the population, as has ever been erected here within that space of time. Of this number, twenty-three were handsome dwellings and seven were stores. The remainder were mechanic shops, etc.

In 1836, Brunswick Village contained the colleges, the cotton and woollen factories, nearly four hundred dwellings, forty stores, three printing-offices, two banks, two hotels, one iron foundry, two machine-shops, two flour-mills, and twenty saw-mills. Seven stages arrived and departed daily, and often three or four extra ones. Union Street contained about a dozen houses; O'Brien Street, three or four; and Pleasant Street was filled nearly to Powder-House Hill.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Pioneer and Key*, 1836.

## CHAPTER XXI.

## COMMERCIAL HISTORY OF TOPSHAM.

AN account of the dams built across the river between Brunswick and Topsham has been given in the preceding chapter, but to that account it may be added that there is good reason for believing that what is called the long, or lower dam extended originally from Shad Island to the small island just west of where it now ends, at the head of "the drain" on the Topsham side. The mills were built from the small island mentioned to the main island in Topsham, and the water came around the island, passing through the gate and under the mill.

In 1807 a wooden sluice from the mill on the upper dam, across the island to the river, below the Granny-Hole Mill, was constructed by Mr James Rogers, of Phippsburg (father of the late Rufus Rogers), and Ezra Smith (father of St. John Smith, of Portland). At the Topsham end of what is now the factory dam, the ledge was blasted to a depth of about ten feet, through which the sluice passed; thence it went along on the ledge just south of the Rogers house; thence across the little cove at the foot of Rogers's hill; thence across Jesse Wilson's garden and the sand-bed, to the island, where it passed under the road about midway between the short bridge and where the blacksmith's shop now stands, and thence to the river below. Ezra Smith, Cornelius Thompson, and others were incorporated on June 20 of this year, with all the necessary powers for constructing and using this sluice, under the name of "The Proprietors of the Topsham Sluiceway."<sup>1</sup> This sluice was destroyed by a freshet in 1814, but though it did not long serve for its intended purpose, the building of it proved of great value as the means of inciting to the study of another science the author of the first American work on mineralogy.<sup>2</sup>

In 1871 a substantial stone fishway was made at the factory dam. To construct it the ledge on the northwest end of the dam was cut through. The fishway is on the Topsham side of the dam, at the

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<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Special Acts*, 1807.

<sup>2</sup> *Vide Maine Historical Collection*, Vol. 7, *Wood's Eulogy on Cleveland*.



lower side of the point. The height of the fall at this place is eighteen feet. A year or two later a wooden fishway was put in on the lower dam next to Shad Island. These were not, however, the earliest fishways, for as early as 1789 the fish-wardens were instructed by the town of Topsham to see that the dams were opened so that fish could pass.<sup>1</sup>

#### SAW-MILLS.

From an entry made in the records of the Pejepscot proprietors, it would appear that the first mill in Topsham was erected as early as the year 1716. On September 10 of that year the proprietors desired Captain Peter Nowell to build a small house *near their mill at Cathance Falls*, to clear sufficient ground for depositing logs and boards, to get logs cut, and to put the mill in the best condition. He was also desired to look out the two most advantageous places for building saw-mills, and to prepare "running Gear for one Mill with two Saws against the Spring." On November 28, Mr. Samuel Came offered to build the running gear for a mill for two saws for £27, the mill itself for £30, and the dam, "at such a Fall as Cathance is described to be," for £30; and his offer was, in part at least, accepted.

On October 14, 1717, the proprietors agreed to let the Cathance Mill to Lieutenant Heath for three years. He was to run it and keep it in repair, and they were to have one-fourth part of the boards, plank, joists, and other lumber cut at the mill. It was also a part of the contract that no boards should be sold to persons outside of the proprietors' territory until all the settlers in it were supplied.<sup>2</sup> It would seem, however, that Lieutenant Heath either declined the contract or forfeited his right, for on November 11, 1719, this mill was sold to Messrs. Minot & Winthrop, in equal halves, for £90. The proprietors also voted at this time "that the two branches<sup>3</sup> of the western stream of Cathance River be assigned to Messrs. Wentworth & Noyes, they proposing to build thereon," and that 1,000 acres of land should be laid out to each mill.<sup>4</sup>

Nothing further is found in regard to the mills upon the Cathance until 1750. This year Samuel Winchell settled upon that river, and erected saw-mills. He acquired, with Jacob Eaton, a joint title to this property, by virtue of a deed from Isaac Royall, dated November 15, 1750. This deed conveyed five hundred acres, and all of Royall's right in the stream. Winchell seems to have become one fourth proprietor of the Cathance Mill right, embracing 1,100 acres.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Town Records*, 1789.

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Records*.

<sup>3</sup> *In Boardinham*.

<sup>4</sup> *Pejepscot Records*.

<sup>5</sup> *Winchell Genealogy*.

On December 28, 1757, Samuel Winchell sold to Adam Hunter one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, one eighth of a double saw-mill, and a stream called the western branch of Cathance River.<sup>1</sup>

James Hunter is a grantee in a deed from Stephen Gatchell, of Topsham, dated July 27, 1759, of one hundred and twenty-five acres of upland in the mill-right on the Cathance, and one fourth of the uppermost saw-mill.

On June 15, 1761, Adam Hunter, Samuel Winchell, James Hunter, Samuel Staples, Joseph Graves, Samuel Graves, John Fulton, and John Patten purchased the Cathance mill-right, containing 1,100 acres, and the stream called the western branch of the Cathance, and a double saw-mill. Of this mill and stream Adam Hunter had one eighth; Samuel Winchell, one fourth; James Hunter, one eighth; Samuel Staples, one eighth; Joseph Graves, one eighth; Samuel Graves, one eighth; John Fulton, one sixteenth; and John Patten, one sixteenth.<sup>2</sup>

On January 24, 1764, Samuel Winchell gave a deed to William Thorne and Robert Clark of one fourth of a saw-mill and stream, "being the uppermost mills on Cathance," and also one fourth of a mill-right of thirty acres.

On February 13, 1765, Winchell sold to James and Robert Fulton "one sixteenth of y<sup>e</sup> double saw and stream on y<sup>e</sup> lower falls at Cathance."<sup>3</sup> Of these two mills one was on the lower falls, where the mill is now, and the other upon the upper falls.

The first mills in Topsham upon the Androscoggin River were erected prior to 1772. Merrill's map of Brunswick, of the above date, includes the river and shows one mill at the Topsham end of both the upper and middle dam, and one on the Granny-Hole Stream. The latter was the first one erected. It was built some time between 1759<sup>4</sup> and 1765.<sup>5</sup> It was built by a Mr. Hodge, and the privilege is called the "Hodge Mill privilege" to this day. The stream is that which flowed through the natural drain already mentioned. This mill stood until it rotted down. It was rebuilt about 1789, but was burned in 1796 and rebuilt the next year. In 1807 it was carried off by a freshet. A new one was built in the same place the next year, but was carried away in like manner in 1814.

The next mill was built on the middle dam about 1770. It was called the "Patten Mill," and was owned by Captain Actor Patten,

<sup>1</sup> *Winchell Genealogy.*

<sup>2</sup> *Lincoln County Register of Deeds*, 1, p. 90.

<sup>3</sup> *Winchell Genealogy.*

<sup>4</sup> *Pejepscot Papers, Merrill's Statement.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid., Halsey's Statement.*

Pelatiah and John Haley, and at one time, in part, by Nathaniel Quint. It filled up the space between the mainland where the stone fishway now is and the island or rock opposite, and the head gate was where the present dam is. The mill was carried away in 1814 by a freshet, but was rebuilt about 1818, and was in existence as late as 1829.

The Rogers Mill on the upper dam was built about 1770 and had at first only a wing dam.<sup>1</sup> This mill was carried away by a freshet in 1843, unless it had been previously carried away and rebuilt, but was rebuilt immediately. The new mill was destroyed by fire in 1850.

The mills near the toll-house were first built in the summer of 1784,<sup>2</sup> by Brigadier Thompson and others. They were finished with four saws under one roof. They were carried away by a freshet the same year, but were rebuilt the next year under two roofs, from which they acquired the name of "The Double" or "Great" Mills, which name they always retained.

The changes that have occurred in mill property have been too numerous to be given in full, and therefore only such will be mentioned as have happened to come to hand.

In 1798, Samuel Thompson sold to Benjamin Jones Porter and William King his share, or one-fourth part, of the Great Saw-Mill for \$666.66.<sup>3</sup>

About 1800, Elijah Hall and Cornelius Hall, of Brunswick, owned or else leased the Great Mill.

In 1804, Jairus Fuller sold to Gideon and Nathaniel Walker, for three hundred and fifty dollars, one-fourth part of one saw in the Great Mills. The owners of the rest of the saw privilege were William King and Thomas Thompson.<sup>4</sup>

Thompson sold his part to Roger Merrill in 1808.

Besides the mills already mentioned there was, at a later date, on the Granny-Hole Stream, about on the site of the present flour-mill, one called the new Hodge Mill. Next south of where the flour-mill stands was one called the Granny-Hole Mill, and next below that was the "Embargo" Mill, so called from its being built while the Embargo laws were in force.

In 1791, Humphrey Purinton came to town, and engaged almost exclusively in the lumber business, which he pursued until a few years before his death, in 1840.

In 1817, the Great Mills were owned or occupied by Haskell &

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers, Haley's Statement.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*



Bowman, Samuel, Enoch, Jabez, and Nahum Perkins, and John and William Barron. Most of these gentlemen continued in the business for many years. This same year Hugh Wilson and Major William Frost owned the Granny-Hole Mill, and James Rogers owned the Rogers Mill, on the upper dam. In the fall of this same year, David Scribner engaged in the business and continued in it, in Topsham, until 1838. James Haley and John Wentworth were also engaged in the business in 1817.

About 1837, Nathaniel Green and others built and occupied a small saw-mill on the Granny-Hole Stream, near his residence.

About 1845, Charles E. White sawed shingles and did a large business in the mill previously occupied by William Whitten as a carding-mill.

Others who were prominent in the business at different periods within this century were Henry and Stephen Jewell, Gardiner and Nathaniel Green, Alfred and Sanford Perkins, Alfred White, and Rufus Rogers.

The only saw-mill now in operation is that of W. B. Purinton and D. A. Hall.

Valentine G. and Eben Colby commenced business near the Androscoggin Bridge, in Topsham, in January, 1849, for the manufacture of sash, doors, and blinds, under the firm name of V. G. & E. Colby. This firm continued in business until 1850, when the senior partner sold out to Sampson Colby, and the business was continued by S. & E. Colby until May 27, 1859, at which time they moved to Brunswick. The building in which their business was carried on was afterwards moved across the street, and is now used as the machine and repair shop of the paper-mill.

#### GRIST AND FLOUR MILLS.

According to traditionary accounts, there was a grist-mill on the Topsham end of the lower dam, previous to the erection of the Great Mills.

There was one on the Granny-Hole Stream between 1802<sup>1</sup> and 1808,<sup>2</sup> the machinery of which was in the Granny-Hole Mill. It was owned by Colonel Abel Merrill, Pelatiah Haley, and Joseph Haley. This portion of the mill was used as a grist-mill until about 1854. Mr. Daniel Hall was the miller both before and for many years subsequent to 1844.

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<sup>1</sup> *Reminiscences of James Wilson and of Mrs. Nathaniel Green.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

In 1856, Francis T. Purinton built the Topsham flour-mill. It was afterward owned by Woodbury B. Purinton and Isaac P. Tebbetts, and then by Woodbury B. Purinton alone. Mr. Jason Ripley, of Brunswick, was the contractor for the work, which cost over \$10,000. This mill is thirty-eight by forty-five feet, and is equal to three stories in height, with an attic and basement. In 1874 this mill passed into the hands of Purinton, Beaumont, & Co. Its capacity is sufficient for the manufacture of from 5,000 to 6,000 barrels of flour and 15,000 bushels of corn per year. It is well equipped with the necessary machinery, of the best quality, for both merchant and custom grinding.

#### WOOLLEN-MILLS.

In 1802, and probably earlier, Joseph Haley had a fulling-mill in the basement of the Granny-Hole Mill. After a while he removed to the Patten Mill, on the middle dam, and the Granny-Hole Fulling-Mill was then occupied for some years by John and Isaac Brown. Mr. Haley continued in the business at the Patten Mill until 1818, when he was succeeded by his son Abner, who carried it on until 1825 or 1826. Mr. William Whitten established, in 1828, a wool-carding mill on the Granny-Hole Stream, near its outlet, and very near the residence of the late Nathaniel Greene, Esquire. Here he continued until 1841, when he removed his business to Brunswick.

#### TOPSHAM PAPER-MILL.

This mill was erected in the latter part of 1868, on the property and under the superintendence of Sanford A. Perkins, for the Topsham Paper Company, a corporation of which Samuel R. Jackson was the president. This mill is from two hundred and twenty-five to two hundred and fifty feet long, and sixty-five feet wide. The main building is three stories high, with an extension two stories high.

This company failed, and the property was purchased at auction by W. H. & A. W. Parsons, September 16, 1874, for the sum of \$80,000.

An Act was passed by the legislature of Maine, February 4, 1875, incorporating the Bowdoin Paper Manufacturing Company, with a capital not to exceed \$150,000. This company was organized on the nineteenth of the same month, and on the tenth of March the permanent officers were chosen. These were Adna T. Denison, treasurer, and F. C. Whitehouse, clerk.

The mill contained at that time one Fourdrinier machine, four roll engines, one patent Jordan engine, one rotary, and two tub bleachers, and other machinery necessary for a production of two and one half

tons of paper per day. There has been added since another full set of machinery, so that the mill now contains two Fourdrinier machines (eighty-eight and seventy-four respectively), nine roll engines, two patent engines, — one Jordan and one Kingsland, — two rotary and two tub bleachers, with other machinery necessary for a production of five tons of paper daily, which the mill is now producing. Also the present company have fitted a machine-shop, put in wood and iron working machinery necessary for the mill repairs, and for the manufacture of any new machinery needed in the business. The company at present employs forty-five males and thirty females. They manufacture book and wood newspaper. The stock of the company is owned by parties in New York City and Mechanic Falls, Maine.

#### OTHER MANUFACTORIES.

In addition to the foregoing mills there have been from time to time, or now are, manufactories of various kinds, which cannot well be classified and will, therefore, be mentioned alphabetically, as in the preceding chapter.

**BRICK-YARDS.**—The manufacture of bricks was carried on from about the year 1798, by Mr. David Flagg, on Summer Street, near Main Street, until 1847, when he was succeeded by his son Cyrus, who still continues the business at the same place. In some years 400,000 bricks have been made at this yard. About 1865, Thompson & Blondell started a yard for brick and tile at the northern end of Pleasant Street. The business soon gave out, however, owing to deficiency and bad quality of the clay.

**DERRICK MANUFACTORY.**—In 1872 the Howland Brothers established a shop for the manufacture of the Howland Patent Car Derrick, which has met with good success.

**FELDSPAR MILL.**—In 1869 The Trenton Flint and Spar Company, of Trenton, New Jersey, purchased the property where their mill now stands, and at the same time leased their quarries, then unopened. Work was soon after commenced and the quarries were operated. In 1872 a mill was built for grinding the feldspar. The ground feldspar is used in the manufacture of crockery by the various potteries at Trenton, New Jersey, to which place it is shipped. About a dozen men are employed in operating the quarries and grinding the spar. Mr. George D. Willes, of Bath, has been the superintendent from the commencement of operations until the present time.

**MARBLE WORKS.**—For many years, up to as late a period as 1844, this business was conducted by Mr. Richard Adams. In 1845 he was



succeeded by his son, Francis, who carried it on for a number of years. The greater part of their business was the manufacture of gravestones.

**MATCH MANUFACTORY.** — Isaac Brown, about 1825, made matches and shipped them to other parties to be dipped.

**NAIL FACTORY.** — About 1815 or 1816 there was a nail factory on the upper side of Winter Street, owned by Gardner Green. The brook furnished the water-power. The nails were cut by a machine, but the heads were made by hand. Two men were employed to do the work. Their names were Ives and Leach. They are thought to have come from New Hampshire. This manufactory was run for a short time only. It was very noisy in its operation.<sup>1</sup>

**PITCHFORK MANUFACTORY.** — In 1845, James D. Simmons made and sold pitchforks in the building formerly occupied by William Whitten's fulling-machines. These pitchforks were considered excellent at that time, though they would not compare well with those of the present day.

**POTTERY.** — As early as 1796, Eli Cox had a pottery, and David Flagg worked at the business with him. It was situated at the foot of the hill on the south side of Winter Street. The stone for grinding the clay was at the brook near the road. A bridge crossed the brook at that place. In 1835 or thereabouts, a Mr. Barker had a pottery where Mallett's slaughter-house was at a later date.

**SHINGLE MANUFACTORY.** — About 1809 a Mr. Kelsey invented a machine for cutting or shaving (*not sawing*) shingles. His machine was in the building at the end of the Granny-Hole Stream, which was at a later period occupied by William Whitten and Aaron Hinkley. No description of this machine has been obtained, but it is remembered that a block of wood put into it was quickly cut into shingles. The machine was patented, and the mill bore the sign "Kelsey's Patent Shingle Machine." It is said, however, that Kelsey failed and the machine was run only a short time. There have been numerous shingle-machines in operation at a later date, but they hardly require particular notice in these pages.

**TANNERIES.** — About the year 1800, perhaps earlier, James Purington had a tan-yard and a grist-mill on the brook that crosses the road just below the lower railroad bridge. In 1820 it was carried on by his son James, and the same spot is now occupied as a tannery by his grandson, Cyrus Purington.

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<sup>1</sup> *Reminiscences of Mr. James Wilson.*

From about 1825 till 1830, or later, Nahum Perkins kept a tannery and had a mill for grinding bark for tanners' use, at the gully on Winter Street. He sold out to Daniel Dennett. It is possible that some one preceded Mr. Perkins at that place.

**TOBACCO MANUFACTORY.** — Previous to 1815, Samuel Veazie owned a tobacco manufactory on the north side of Winter Street, at the foot of the hill. How long the business was carried on is not known.

#### TRADES.

In giving an account of the various trades that have from time to time been carried on in Topsham and Harpswell, the same arrangement is used as in the last chapter. So far as practicable, the list is given in an alphabetical order, and first upon the list come

**BAKERS.** — The only bakery known to have been kept in this town was by Card & Gould, about 1800, on the corner of Main and Winter Streets, where Goud's store is now situated.

**BLACKSMITHS.** — With the exception of farming, lumbering, and trading, blacksmithing was the earliest business carried on in the town. Mr. John Patten, who came here about 1750, was a farmer, but had the trade of a blacksmith, and had a shop on his farm, where he employed a portion of his time, and performed the blacksmith work of the vicinity. In 1802 there was a smith's shop about where Mr. Larabee's house now stands; also one kept by Francis Tucker, just south of what is now known as the Coffin house.

Some time before 1812, Ezekiel Hinkley began working at this trade in Topsham, and continued in it until about 1817, when he was succeeded by his brother, Aaron Hinkley, who carried it on till after 1840. In 1828 and subsequently he occupied a portion of William Whitten's fulling-mill at the outlet of the Granny-Hole Stream, and had a *trip-hammer*, the only one, it is thought, ever used in this vicinity.

William Ellis carried on the blacksmithing business from 1822 to 1836, in a building which stood on the east side of the road on the island, not far south of the Granny-Hole Bridge.

In 1836, Messrs. James Maxwell and Samuel Jameson commenced the business and carried it on until 1873, when they dissolved partnership, and the business has since been conducted by Mr. Jameson alone.

**BUTCHERS.** — The earliest persons known to have made it their special business to supply the citizens of this town with meat were Swett & Jaquis, in 1826. In 1849, Humphrey P. and William Mallett engaged in this business, and continued in it until 1862. Mr.

John Crowley has also been engaged in the business for a long time. Since 1862, Topsham has depended almost exclusively upon the markets of Brunswick.

**CABINET-MAKERS.** — Mr. Hugh Wilson, in 1766, is the earliest cabinet-maker mentioned.<sup>1</sup> In 1802 there was a cabinet-maker's shop where the Major Perkins house stands. It was kept by Luther Kimball. About 1825, Charles White and Isaac L. Cook went into the business. How long they pursued this occupation is not known.

**CARRIAGE-MAKERS.** — B. T. Bicknell, about 1837, commenced the manufacture of carriages. He continued in it here only a few years.

**HATTERS.** — The manufacture and sale of hats and caps was carried on in this town by John Coombs, from about 1812 to 1820. He was quite celebrated in his business. He lived in the old red house in the Walker lot, and had his shop just below. At the time of the rush of emigrants to Ohio, he sold out and went to Cincinnati, where he became a rich and influential citizen. Subsequently Jesse Richards was engaged in this business. The exact time Richards was here is not known, but it was probably between 1820 and 1830. He carried on business in the same place that Coombs did. Larrabee & Emery also had, at one time, a hatter's store where Robert P. Whitney now keeps.

**HARNESS-MAKERS AND SADDLERS.** — In 1850, C. A. Berry had a harness-maker's and saddler's shop in Topsham.

**JOINERS.** — In 1802, Samuel Towns had a joiner's shop in the yard now owned by Captain William S. Skolfield. Noah Tobey also had a shop in town at this time. Since then the number of carpenters and joiners has been too large to admit of their enumeration here.

**SHOEMAKERS.** — In 1802, there was a shoemaker's shop a few feet north of the residence of Mr. Ephraim Griffin, and another about where the office of Mr. W. B. Purinton is now. The names of the proprietors are not known.

About 1820, Andrew Dennison, who had made boots and shoes for some years previously, was succeeded by Samuel Knight, who continued in the business until about 1838. At a later date Parker Nash carried on this business.

**TAILORS.** — The first tailor in Topsham to whom any reference has been found was Thomas Wilson, in 1775 and previously. In 1802 a tailor by the name of Carr occupied a small house which stood just in front of where Deacon David Scribner now resides. Other tailors

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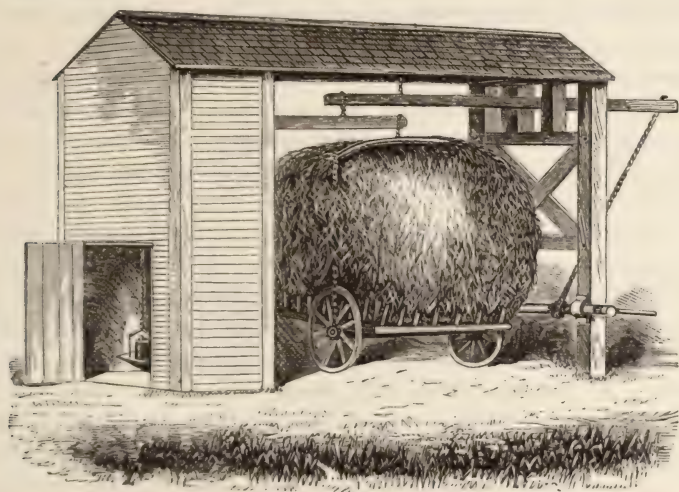
<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*



known to have carried on business in this town were John Chambers, 1828; John Brown, 1840; Warren Hathorn, 1844; William Heath, 1845; Frank T. Littlefield, 1850.

**TIN SHOPS AND STOVE MANUFACTORIES.** — Mr. H. M. Prescott had a tin shop here as early as 1828, in a store which stood about where Mr. W. B. Purinton's office is now. In 1836, William H. Winslow had a tin shop and manufactured air-tight stoves for his customers. In 1844, H. P. Hubbard & Co. carried on the same business for several years.

**WEIGHERS OF HAY, ETC.** — Nathaniel Walker is supposed to have owned the first hay-scales in town. They were of peculiar, though simple construction, as the accompanying engraving shows.



The first patent scales (Fairbanks) were bought about 1839 by Gardner Greene, and were placed on the lot where the engine-house now stands. Isaac P. Tebbetts purchased the next scales, which were on Winter Street.

#### TRADERS.

There have never been in Topsham any stores devoted to a special branch of trade, unless the two first mentioned should be deemed such, but they have all been of the variety order, keeping a general assortment of goods.

At the May term in 1761, William Wilson and Philip Higgins, both of Topsham, were licensed by the Court of General Sessions for

Lincoln County to sell tea and coffee. In 1764, William Reed, of Topsham, was licensed by the same court to sell tea

Brigadier Thompson kept store near the site of the present depot, as early as 1790. It is probable that there were no regular stores in Topsham earlier than that date, but that the settlers relied on Brunswick for their supplies.

In 1792, Joseph Haley was licensed as a retailer. Benjamin J. Porter and William King, under the name of Porter & King, kept near the southwest corner of Winter and Main Streets, from 1792 until 1802, or a few years later.

Between 1794 and 1799, Ezra Smith, father of St. John Smith, of Portland, was in business here as a store-keeper, but not meeting with much success, moved away about 1801. Isaac Johnson was also licensed as a retailer in 1792.

About 1798, Robert Labish and John Blanchard were engaged in trade here. Blanchard's store was on Green Street, about opposite Thompson Street. According to the statements of some of the aged people now living, these two were the first stores in town.

In 1801, Ezekiel Winan, David Holden, Ezra Smith, James Cushman, James Stone, John Morse, and Porter & King were all licensed as retailers.

In 1802, James Stone, father of the late Colonel Alfred J. Stone, of Brunswick, kept store in a low, one-story building, on the spot where Mrs. Joshua Haskell now lives, on the corner of Main and Elm Streets. At that time there were woods back of it. Henry Wilson kept a store where Charles E. White now does. James Cushman kept a store next south of White's, and Thomas G. & Nathaniel Sandford kept one where Mountford's shop now is, Thomas G. continuing in trade as late as 1829.

Prior to 1815, Nathaniel Quint was in trade. His store was destroyed by fire about the date given above.

In 1819, Bowman & Haskell commenced to trade in the small house now occupied by Mrs. Berry, opposite the blacksmith's shop on the Island, and continued for ten years or more.

Between 1819 and 1829, and perhaps both earlier and later, George F. Richardson had a store in town.

About 1820, Samuel and Nahum Perkins opened a general retail store. After a time Samuel sold out his interest to Nahum, who continued it until 1826, when his store and stock were consumed by fire. He subsequently went into business again. Green & Hallett kept store in 1820 in a wooden building where the bank is now.

From 1820 to 1834, Jonathan Baker kept store in a building which used to stand directly opposite the bank. The cellar of it still remains.

From 1822 to 1825, perhaps longer, William Frost kept store in a building which stood about half-way between where W. B. Purinton's office now is and Summer Street.

In the spring of 1825, John Tebbetts moved to Topsham, from Lisbon, and engaged in general trade, and also in the boot and shoe business. At first he was in partnership with Jeremiah Clough, under the title of Tebbetts & Clough, but the partnership was dissolved November 24, 1828, and the business was afterwards continued by Mr. Tebbetts alone. His stock of goods is said to have been large and choice, and he carried on a very extensive business for the place for many years thereafter.

In addition to those already mentioned, the following individuals and firms were prominent in general trade at or about the dates given:—

In 1822, Gardner Greene, to 1829 or later; Nathaniel Greene, to 1840; Hallett & Brown, Charles Thompson, Samuel Veazie, to 1829 or later.

1824. Samuel and George Dennett, Frost, Swett & Co.

1825. George and William Dennett.

1826. Calvin B. Robbins & Co, William Dennett, the latter continuing in trade for many years.

1828. Jairus Fuller, Jr., Samuel R. Jackson & Co., Abel Merrill, Jr.

1829. Alfred White, and either alone or with others to 1857.

1830. Green and Barron.

1833. J. & B. Barron.

1836. Obed Frost, to 1849; Sandford A. Perkins.

1844. Frost & Whitney, Isaac P. Tebbetts; Tebbetts, Howland, & Co.

1845. Clough & Thompson.

1850. A. G. Poland, George S. Holt.

1853. Lewis P. Work.

1855. Alexander Ridley.

Some of the above-named traders were doubtless in business some years before the dates given, and many of them, after retiring for a while from active trade, recommenced either in partnership with others or singly. At the present time, however, the greater number are residents of other towns or are no longer amongst the living.



## PRICES.

The proximity to each other of the villages of Topsham and Brunswick affords of itself an assurance that the prices of standard articles of trade did not vary much in the two towns.

The early settlers in Topsham, and perhaps in Brunswick too, used to trade somewhat at Richmond Fort. From an account-book of Judge Minot, of Brunswick, who was stationed at that fort in 1732 and subsequently, the following statements are taken:—

In 1732, William Reed, of Topsham, was charged with 30 lbs. pork @ 1s. 3d.; bread, 2s.; rum, 5s.; “phlip,” 1s. 2d.

From 1736 to 1739 the following articles were charged to Jacob Clark, of Topsham:—

1736, May 20, 7½ yds. “Ozmb,” 4s.; rum to James, 1s. 8d.; rum, 1s. 3d. July 30, 6 yds. swan skin, 7s. 6d.; 1½ yds. linen, 8s. April 15, 4 lbs. shot, 1s. 3d.; bread, 4s.; thread, 4s. August 15, tobacco, 1s. 8d.; 3 galls. molasses @ 7s. 1739, 4 yds. linen, 7s.; a pr. hose, 12s. 6d.; 2 prs. yarn hose @ 6s.; 1 cap, 6s. 6d.; indigo, 1s.; 1 pint of rum, 1s. 4d.; 5 yds. swan skin @ 11s. 6d.

Thomas Thorne, of Topsham, also had a very similar account about the same time.

In 1777 the selectmen, in accordance with an Act of the legislature of the Commonwealth, “To prevent Monopoly and Oppression,” fixed the price of labor and of all articles in general use.

The prices named were so nearly like those adopted by the town of Brunswick that their insertion here would be substantially a repetition of that list, and they are therefore omitted.

## BANK.

The only bank ever in operation in Topsham was the ANDROSCOGGIN BANK. It was chartered in 1834. Charles Thompson was the president and John Coburn the cashier for the whole term of its existence. Its charter expired in 1854 and was not renewed. The capital stock of this bank was \$50,000.

## TOWN VALUATION.

The earliest valuation of the town of which any record is to be found was made in 1752. It was at this time as follows:—

Polls, 28; property, £180 7s.

The wealthiest man in town then was Lieutenant Adam Hunter,

whose real estate was estimated at £1 15s., and personal property at £18 4s.<sup>1</sup>

The total valuation for 1758 was, polls 47; property, £1,052 12s. Adam Hunter, then a captain, was still the richest man, his whole estate being estimated at £115.<sup>2</sup>

A new State valuation was completed in 1761, and "Topsham precinct" was assessed but seventeen shillings.<sup>3</sup>

The following is the valuation of the town in the years named. We have been unable to find the valuation for any year between 1771 and 1841. In 1771 the number of polls was one hundred and six; personal property, £21 11s. 8d.; estates, £204 17s. 5d. In 1841, the valuation of the town was \$428,931. In 1850 it was \$581,232. In 1860 there were three hundred and forty-five polls, and the valuation was \$810,623. In 1870 the number of polls was three hundred and sixty-five, and the valuation was \$879,051.

The assessment of the town for county expenses was, in 1764, £6 10s.; in 1787, £18 12s. 6d.; in 1807 it was \$440.89; and in 1813, \$245.58.

#### POPULATION.

The first regular census of the town, known certainly to have been taken was in 1765. At this time there were in Topsham fifty-four houses, fifty-two families, seventy-eight males under sixteen years of age, eighty-five males over that age, eighty-five females under and seventy-eight over sixteen, and one negro, — a total population of three hundred and twenty-seven, exclusive of Indians. The population subsequently to the above date has been as follows: —

1776 . . . . .	657
1810 . . . . .	1,271
1820 . . . . .	1,429
1830 . . . . .	1,564
1840 . . . . .	1,883
1850 . . . . .	2,010
1860 . . . . .	1,605
1870 . . . . .	1,501

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *North's History of Augusta, p. 71.*

## CHAPTER XXII.

## COMMERCIAL HISTORY OF HARPSWELL.

THE principal occupation of the first settlers of Harpswell is said to have been cutting cord-wood and shipping it to Boston, Salem, and other ports, although farming and fishing were doubtless carried on to some extent. Bailey's Island, which is now nearly barren of trees, was at that time densely covered with wood. After a while the settlers devoted themselves almost exclusively to farming and fishing.

## FISHERIES.

We have been unable to obtain any statistics of this business at an early date. At the present time there are caught, dried, and cured in Harpswell about 20,000 quintals of fish annually, consisting of cod, hake, haddock, pollock, and cusk. Smaller fish, such as mackerel, porgies, and herring, are also caught in abundance. In the month of September the herring come in very plenty, and it is not uncommon to see, in Mackerel Cove and Jaquis' Harbor, from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty sail of vessels. Large quantities of the fish are taken to Portland, where they are packed and shipped to various parts of the country as "Portland Herring." During the months of March, April, and May, most of the fishermen are engaged in the lobster fishery. The fishing smacks are so arranged that the lobsters are kept alive, and large numbers are shipped to Portland, Boston, and New York.

In former years the clam business was quite an important branch of the fisheries, but it is not so now. About the year 1863 there were put up, and sold at prices ranging from \$8.00 to \$14.00 per barrel, not less than 2,500 barrels. The principal dealers in fish are S. Watson, A. T. Trufant, and John Power, of East Harpswell; Smullen & Prince and J. M. Johnson, of Orr's Island; E. C. Simpson & Co. and J. B. Pinkham, of West Harpswell.

## MILLS.

Owing to the fact that Harpswell possesses no streams large enough to afford sufficient water-power, but little attention has been given to manufactures in this town.



Previous to 1758 there was a wind-mill in the town and a tide-mill called Jones's Mill.<sup>1</sup> The location of the wind-mill is not known. The tide-mill was situated near the farm of Arthur Orr, and was at one time owned by him. It was originally built by a family of Quakers, by the name of Jones. Captain James Sinnett, of Bailey's Island, remembers a very old mill at Widgeon Cove, which was standing as late as the year 1804. It was then owned, in part, by Silas Allen and Deacon James Wilson.

About the year 1800 there was a wind-mill near Charles Merryman's. It was built and owned by Major Paul Randall. The great shaft for the mill he hauled from Brunswick, and it was so heavy he nearly broke the backs of his oxen drawing it over some of the hills. The mill did not do much business. It was situated down near the shore, instead of upon the ridge, which would have furnished more wind-power. The present saw and grist mill was erected about the year 1850. It is owned in shares, about twenty in number.

In 1855, or thereabouts, there were two grist-mills on Great Island, one owned by Stephen Purinton, Esquire, and the other by a Mr. Ridley.

#### SALT-WORKS.

During the Revolution salt was very scarce. An Irishman on Great Island, who understood how to make salt from sea-water, suggested the building of salt-works on that island. A company was formed, a building erected, and kettles and other appliances were purchased. The Irishman, whose name was Millay, had charge of the kettles. A yoke of oxen was employed to draw wood for the ovens. Sixty bushels of salt per week were manufactured, and it was sold in Boston for two dollars per bushel.

#### TRADES.

The population of Harpswell is so scattered that it has been found no easy thing to obtain an account of the various trades pursued in former times or at present. The following is all that we have obtained any information about.

**BAKERS.** — Early in the present or late in the last century a Mr. Ryan had a bakery on Great Island. He moved to Brunswick in 1804 or 1805.

**BLACKSMITHS.** — Nehemiah Curtis, whose shop was one mile above the Congregational Church on the Neck, was the first blacksmith in

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<sup>1</sup> *Memoranda of Reverend Samuel Eaton, in Pejepscot Papers.*

town of whom we have any account. He was succeeded in the business by his son and grandson, of the same name. The grandson kept the shop until 1820. Somewhat later in the business were Benjamin Curtis, whose shop was half a mile northwest of the church, and Barstow Curtis, whose shop was where Abijah Stover now lives.

**BOAT-BUILDERS.** — David Doughty was the first boat-builder on Great Island. He was engaged in this business as late as 1847. He was succeeded in the business by William Doughty. Since then the business has been carried on by quite a large number of persons.

**BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.** — James Merryman, on the Neck, near the Baptist Church, and William Orr, on Orr's Island, were engaged in the boot and shoe business for some years. They moved away about 1847.

**BRICK-YARDS.** — In 1805 there was a brick-yard owned by a Mr. Douglass, situated on the Neck, about three miles above the Congregational Church. It was in operation only a short time. There was another one carried on by a Mr. Reed in 1812 to 1815, on Orr's Island.

**CARPENTERS AND JOINERS.** — John Curtis, in 1802 to 1804, and Waitstill Webber, an apprentice of Curtis's, in 1804, worked at this trade. Their shop was on the Neck, about two miles above the Congregational Church. In 1806, John Bibber pursued this occupation.

**GUNSMITHS.** — A man by the name of Nason lived on Bailey's Island about 1856, and carried on the business of a gunsmith. His shop was where Prince & Smullen's store is now.

**HARNESS AND SADDLE MAKERS.** — A man by the name of Barstow carried on the above business for one year in 1816 or 1817.

**MASONS.** — The only mason that we have received any account of was a man by the name of Ewing. He lived on Great Island, but at what date is not known to us.

**SURVEYORS.** — The only surveyors of land of whom we have any account were Paul and Benjamin Randall, who lived about two miles and a half above the Congregational Church. Paul died about 1874; Benjamin, about 1847.

**TAILORS.** — From 1800 to 1806, D. Merritt carried on the tailoring business in town. He moved to Durham.

**TANNERS.** — In the early part of the century, Thomas Farr had a tannery in Stover's Cove, on the Neck, and Benjamin Dunning had one about three miles above the Congregational Church. In the eastern part of the town, Stephen Purinton had one.

## TRADERS.

Mr. James Booker kept store as early as 1752 and as late as 1762. About the latter date Andrew Dunning and Alexander Wilson were also in trade; that is, they were licensed retailers, and had a stock of goods which they disposed of to the settlers when called upon, but they probably did not confine themselves exclusively to that business.

Joseph Coney came from Boston in 1795 and opened a store, which was opposite the lower end of Orr's Island. It was afterwards occupied by Bruce & Everett, Silas H. Dodge, and Jacob Merryman. Joseph Eaton kept store near the Congregational Church until his death, about 1846. A Mr. Pinkham once kept store at the end of Potts's Point, but the date is unknown. In 1847, Washington Garcelon, post-master, had one near Paul Randall's.

*Bailey's Island.* — The old store which once stood at the head of the cove, on the outer end of Bailey's Island, has been occupied by the following men in succession: Perry & Howard, of Brunswick, about 1800; Joseph Coney, Major John Rowe, Zachariah Lambert, and Captain David Johnson. The store now occupied by Lubees was formerly owned by Ralph Sinnett.

A Mr. Dana and a Mr. Twombly both kept store on this island for a long time. The former was at the lower end. The date of their doing business is not known.

*Orr's Island.* — In the early part of this century Edward Ingraham kept a store on the southwest end of the island, where Prince & Smullen's store is now. He had a brother in business with him, who was probably Nathaniel. S. F. Merrill at one time had a store at Lowell's Cove.

*Great Island.* — In the latter part of the last, or in the first of the present century, a Mr. Ryan had a store at Condys Harbor.

Esquire Snow kept a store for many years at his wharf on New Meadows River.

## INSURANCE COMPANY.

On February 14, 1855, Paul R. Curtis, Shubal Merryman, Isaac A. Johnson, Thomas A. Estes, Thomas U. Eaton, Abram J. Allen, Simeon Curtis, L. H. Stover, Pennell Alexander, Thomas Alexander, and Abel Thompson were incorporated as the HARPSWELL MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. The first officers were Thomas Alexander, president; Thomas U. Eaton, secretary; Abel Thompson, treasurer. The first Board of Directors were Stephen Purinton, James Orr, David



Webber, Alcot S. Merryman, Thomas U. Eaton, Thomas Alexander, and Henry Barnes.

The losses of this company have been so little that there has never been a necessity for making any assessments upon the members. The present officers are Thomas Alexander, president; William C. Eaton, secretary; Shubael Merryman, treasurer. The present directors are Thomas Alexander, Pennell Alexander, William C. Eaton, Shubael Merryman, Sylvester Stover, Stephen Purinton, and Samuel E. Smullen.

#### PRICES.

The following charges and credits are taken from various accounts in James Booker's account-book, and are copied verbatim:—

	1750	Lawful money
to two pare of buckels 5/4 & one pare of buttons 1/10 . . . . .		1 10 0
one pare of Shoes 6/8 & one pare of Stockens 3/9 . . . . .		0 10 5
two yards of striped humspun Cloath & a half . . . . .		0 6 8
eight yards of Checkt humspun Cloath . . . . .		1 1 4
two pare of mittens 2/8 & thre pare of buttons 4/10 . . . . .		0 7 6
one Raizer . . . . .		0 1 4
one pare mens shoes . . . . .		0 6 0
one gallon Rum . . . . .		0 2 8
one Centle of fish . . . . .		0 9 3
a Quarter of a thousand of pins . . . . .		0 0 7
half a pound of powder . . . . .		0 1 0
one Jarr of Oyl . . . . .		0 9 4
one pare of pomps . . . . .		0 6 8
one pare plush Briches . . . . .		1 4 0
six pound of Cotton Wool . . . . .		1 0 8
thirty one Cord of wood @ forty shillings . . . . .		8 5 4
one comb . . . . .		0 1 1
two quarts molases . . . . .		0 1 4
one peck Rie meal . . . . .		0 0 11
one pound of Coffy . . . . .		0 1 4
one bushel Corn . . . . .		0 2 4
one hundred of nales . . . . .		0 1 8
one Sithe . . . . .		0 40 0
two pound of Chocolat . . . . .		0 16 0
three pound of Shugar . . . . .		0 2 0
one load of hay . . . . .		1 17 4
five bunches Shingles . . . . .		0 10 8
half a dozen puter plates . . . . .		0 13 4
one pare of silver buttons . . . . .		0 3 2
half a bushel of beans . . . . .		0 2 2
eleven yards of bed ticking . . . . .		1 18 2
half a pound of peper . . . . .		0 1 4

## 1750

Lawful money

one barril of flower . . . . .	1	11	11
two pare of woman's Shoes . . . . .	0	9	4
six pound & a half of tobacco . . . . .	0	2	7
one pair of bed blankets . . . . .	1	4	0
four ounces of homspon thred . . . . .	0	2	1
eight pound of Shoot . . . . .	0	2	8
Quarter of a yard of Cambrick . . . . .	0	2	4
Broad Cloath & trimen for a Jacket . . . . .	1	19	1
Ten bizcake [biscuit?] . . . . .	0	0	10
one cap . . . . .	0	2	4
one thousand shingles . . . . .	0	10	8
one wheelbarer . . . . .	0	9	4

## TOWN VALUATION.

Our account of the valuation of Harpswell is very meagre, and down to 1840 we have no record of anything except the number of polls. The following is all we have been enabled to obtain:—

1773 . . . . .	polls 203	
1780 . . . . .	" 175	
1790 . . . . .	" 214	
1800 . . . . .	" 262	
1830 . . . . .	" 247	
1840 . . . . .	" 289 . . . . .	estates \$250,335
1850 . . . . .	" 328 . . . . .	" 345,544
1860 . . . . .	" 367 . . . . .	" 410,566
1870 . . . . .	" 404 . . . . .	" 426,968

## POPULATION.

In 1765 there were in Harpswell fifty-five houses, one hundred and eleven families, two hundred and twenty-four males under, and one hundred and eighty-eight above sixteen years of age, two hundred and twenty-four females under, and one hundred and eighty-six females above sixteen, and fourteen negroes. The total population, exclusive of Indians, was eight hundred and thirty-six. *Brunswick* at this time had a population of but *five hundred and six*.

In 1776, Harpswell had nine hundred and seventy-seven white inhabitants, while *Brunswick* had but eight hundred and sixty-seven.<sup>1</sup>

In 1778, Harpswell had twenty-seven Revolutionary soldiers, and one hundred and seventy-eight males over the age of sixteen.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Census of Massachusetts, 1765 to 1776.*    <sup>2</sup> *Massachusetts Archives, Book 185, p. 391.*

The following is the population for the years in which we have been able to find a census of it : —

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It will be noticed from the census of the three towns, that while Brunswick and Topsham have lost in population since 1850, Harpswell has made a steady gain from the very first, and in no decade has she lost in population.



## CHAPTER XXIII.

## FORTS, GARRISONS, CHURCHES, AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN BRUNSWICK.

## FORTS.

FORT ANDROSS. — The first fort ever erected upon the banks of the Androscoggin, by Englishmen, was undoubtedly that built by Governor Andross in 1688, which has since been called by his name. After King Philip's war, Andross, desirous of promoting the eastern settlements, came to Pejepscot in midwinter, with an army of 1,000 men, and on the now vacant lot adjoining the present store of J. T. Adams & Co., a few rods south of Bow Street, he erected a stone fort.<sup>1</sup> It was large and in form very zigzag. In 1689 it was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel McGregory and Major Thomas Savage. It was demolished about 1694.<sup>2</sup>

FORT GEORGE. — From about 1694 to 1715 the fort previously mentioned lay dismantled and entirely unfit for purposes of protection to the settlers. Accordingly, on July 28, 1715, the following proposal was presented to the House of Representatives by the subscribers: —

“ Wee the subscribers Proprietors of the Lands in Brunswick and Topsham, &c. being desirous to make such a settlement as may be able to sustain a war with the Indians, Do acknowledge the Favour of the General Court in their readiness to encourage and protect the intended settlements and particularly in the Repair of the Fort there; Yet perceiving the House inclinable to a Wooden Fort on account of the cheapness of it: We being sensible that as this Fort is set so, as to be a Bridle to the Indians; So if a War should arise, it may be expected, they will leave no means untryed to become Masters of it; towards which the Remoteness from Succour will give them great advantage; and considering how much the Lives and Estates there will depend upon the strength and security of that Fort: We have been induced to make the following Proposall.

“ That whereas the Wooden Fort at Winter Harbour cost, as we are informed Four hundred Pounds, when Provisions and Labour were

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Massachusetts Historical Collection, 3d Series, p. 85.*

much cheaper, than at this time; we can't suppose such an one now would cost much less than five hundred Pounds; and a Stone Fort supposed to be much more chargeable: yet rather than the s<sup>d</sup> Fort should be of *Wood*, and so liable to be consumed by Fire, in case it should be assaulted by French as well as Indians.

“Wee offer, That if the Generall Court will please to allow FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, and let us now have the Fifteen men, which are designed for that Garrison, we will enter into Engagements to *repair and finish* the aforesaid STONE FORT: To be Fifty Foot Square, as proposed, with Four Bastions, Two of which of wood on the Top of the Angle, at our own charge, although it should amount to more than that sum. And we shall set about it in a weeks time, if possible, and hope to finish it before winter, if not obstructed by the Indians. We desire to have Three hundred Pounds of the said sum, as occasion shall require, to provide Materialls &c. and the remainder when the work is finished.

“Signed

“THOMAS HUTCHINSON.

ADAM WINTHROP.

OLIVER NOYES.

*In behalf of themselves & partners.*

“MEMORANDUM. It is agreed that the foundation of the said Fort shall be Three Foot under Ground. That the Wall shall be Three Foot thick at Bottom, and at least Tenn Foot High above the Ground, and laid in Lime Mortar, with Barracks for Fifteen men, to be built on or near the Spot where the Fort now stands.”<sup>1</sup>

The General Court accepted this proposal of the proprietors, and ordered the sums of money asked for to be paid out of the treasury.

At a meeting of the Pejepscot proprietors, held August 2, 1715, it was voted: “That Capt. John Wentworth be writ to to despatch a Sloop from Piscataqua forthwith, with Four Thousand of Pine Plank and to fill up with good Boards to be landed at Pejepscot Falls.

“That Capt. Noyes be desired to despatch a Sloop from Newbury with Seventy or Eighty hogsh<sup>ds</sup> of good Stone Lime, the price here 21s p. hhd. 100 gallons.

“That a Sloop be sent from hence with Bricks, Shingles, Clapboards. Nails, Provisions, a horse Team, Six Wheelbarrows, Arms, Crows, Pickaxes, Mauls, Shovels, Blankets, Kettles, Pails, Dishes, Horse Cart, Ox Cart, and a pair of Trucks.”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

The erection of this fort was commenced by Captain John Gyles in the month of August, 1715, on the ledge of rocks at the northern end of Maine Street, about where two of the factory boarding-houses now stand. It was completed in the December following.



FORT GEORGE, BRUNSWICK.

The walls of this fort were very thick and the stones were laid in mortar. It was finished with two bastions and two half-bastions, with flanks on the top sufficient for cannon. There was a large two-story dwelling-house erected in the fort, the roof appearing above the wall. The flag-staff was in the southwest corner of the southwest bastion.

This fort effectually resisted the aggressions of the Indians, and protected all the dwellings within reach of its cannon. In times of alarm, however, the inhabitants usually congregated inside its walls. To give an idea of the size and importance of this fort to the infant settlement, an illustration of it has been given, drawn originally from memory by Daniel Stone (the father of Narcissa and Daniel); and an account of the cost of the work, taken from the Pejepscot Records, is also inserted.

"AN ACCT OF THE COST OF FORT GEORGE

MASONS WORK.

Benj Swain 88 daies at 5/ 1 night 1/6	22	1	6
Peter Herod 4/	15	18	
Hunniwell & Negro 7/6	27	9	6
Dutch 4/	15	18	
Clark 4/	15	14	
	97	10	

CARPENTERS WORK

Benj Haley & man 7/6	30	3	9
Kemball 4/6	18	2	3
Wheeler 4/	16	2	
	64	8	



## NIGHTS WORK OF TRADESMEN

as p acc <sup>ts</sup>	8	1	2
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## THE SOULDIERIERS AS LABOURERS

Nights, Days & Boatage	58	4	4
Mr. Watts' Boy cooking the Pott at 1/6	6	7	6
	64	11	10

## MATERIALLS

Shell lime 500 bush <sup>ls</sup> at 14 <sup>d</sup>	29	3	
40 hh <sup>d</sup> Stone lime	50	4	4
Boards 10821 feet	23	16	3
Pine Plank 4 M	17	1	7
Oak Plank	3	19	10
Shingles 10 M at 16/	8		
Clapboards 12 at 7/	4	4	
Bricks 11 M	12	7	6
Nails Spikes &c	20	2	3
Glass Casments	3	4	
Great Hinges & Rivets	2	6	
Small Hinges	1	10	
Smiths Work	12		
Large Lock for Gate	14		
	177	4	9

PROVISION ACC<sup>ts</sup> IN THE SEVERALL BILLS.

Mr Watts Bill	2	8	
Mr Winthrops Bill	17	5	5
Mr Noyes' Bill	45	6	7
Mr Rucks Bill	13	5	
Mr Minots Bill	12	3	3
	90	8	3

## SLOOP HIRE &amp; PILOTING.

Lowles Sloop	17	18	
Stephens Sloop	9		
Board Sloop	9	10	
Mr Watts Sloop	40		
Lowd Piloting	1		
More Piloting &c	2	10	
Butler Boating Line	2	5	10
Do Piloting			
	82	3	10

## SMALL EXPENSES.

Giv'n Gyles for dispatch	1		
Gett: great Boat from Mill pond		9	
Port <sup>l</sup> & Cart <sup>l</sup>		12	9
Reckonings & Small Charges	3	5	9
	5	7	6

Allowed Mr Watts his Trouble . . . . .	30	
Due to Mr Jno Minot to 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov. . . . .	18	8
Charge enlisting men . . . . .	5	
1 horse lost . . . . .	9	15
James Irish's work . . . . .	4	
Use of our Teams . . . . .	30	
Loss & Wear of Tools . . . . .	2	
	<hr/>	
	99	3
Total . . . . .	£688 9 4 <sup>1</sup>	

In the latter part of 1736, or early in 1737, the General Court of Massachusetts decided to dismantle this fort. This decision filled the settlers with dismay, and in consequence the following petition was sent to the legislature:—

“TO HIS EXCELL<sup>ty</sup> JONATHAN BELCHER ESQ<sup>a</sup> CAPT<sup>l</sup> GENERALL AND GOVERNOUR IN CHIEF IN AND OVER THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

“TO THE HONORABLE COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES METT IN GENERALL COURT.

“THE HUMBLE PETITION OF BRUNSWICK & TOPSUM, WITH ALL THE SCATTRED SETTLERS UNDER THE COVERT AND PROTECTION OF FORT GEORGE.

“HUMBLY SHEWETH.

“That we your Excell<sup>ties</sup> & Honours Humble Petitioners, filled with Inexpressible fears & discouragements upon a vote (as we are Informed) pass'd both Honourable houses, of dismantling Fort George, beg leave in the most humble maner to lay our present Condition and circumstances before y<sup>r</sup> Excell<sup>ties</sup> & Honours, which we claim not only as a right, but also glorys in, as our precious mercy and priviledge, to have access to your Excell<sup>ties</sup> at the head of so many Honourable Patriots and fathers of our Contrey, whose great care & prudence in securing the rights and priviledges of the Subject in most Criticall Junctures, gives us hope that the review of our case & Condition by the Golden Rule of righteousness will yet move y<sup>r</sup> Excell<sup>ties</sup> & Hon<sup>rs</sup> to prevent our fears by Continuing with us the visible mark of protection absolutely necessary for the Incouragment & safty of these Infant Settlements, with which vew we conceive this fort was erected and since continued, supported & defended; and if y<sup>r</sup> Inducing reasons then were good, Just, and becoming the Wisdom of our Senators, they continue yet in unrepealed force & virtue and concludes now with more strength for the Continuance of it; as there are many more lives and much more expensive labours and Industry under the covert &

defense of it alone, its advantageous Situation, being no less a terror & restraint to Enemies, than an Incouragement and Safe Retreat to your petitioners, there being no other fort or Garisson from which any aid, Succour, or Relief can be expected in case of necessity, for as for Richmond, we only observe what your Excell<sup>ie</sup> and Several members of both Honourable houses are well acquainted with. It lies upon a direct line through a vast and almost impassible wilderness at or about 20 miles by a modest computation from us, and further by water, which passage is attended with unavoidable danger in case of extremity as many last war can witness from experience. So that there is more probability of our being relived by Castle William, than from thence, and further we beg leave to observe to y<sup>r</sup> Excell<sup>ie</sup> & Hon<sup>rs</sup> that Brunswick, time without mind, has been the place of the annual Randevouze of all the tribes, which always has been licentious, vile, and Riotous, but now in a great measure broak by the prudent care and circumspection of the present Comander, in his civil & military Capacity, the former useless were it not Joyn'd and Supported by the latter: what can y<sup>r</sup> Petitioners expect, upon the dismantling the fort, but to be the Melancoly Spectators, or rather the helpless miserable Sufferers under the returns of their wild extravagances, to the great danger of our lives & libertyes. But should it be Suggested that our lives and libertyes are Secured by the peace, and So the Continuance of the fort is an unnecessary Charge to the province, in answer to which we beg leave to Observe to y<sup>r</sup> Excell<sup>ie</sup> & Hon<sup>rs</sup> That this peace cost the province much blood & treasure; & therefore the dearer bought, the greater care and caution is necessary to the preservation of it; which is always a posture of defence, & readiness to resent the violations of it, according to the generall maxims of policy, practised by all States, Kingdoms, & Comonwealths in the time of best concerted peace, always Jealous of their rights and Securing their fronteers. without which the publick faith in many Instances, has given way and yielded to the rapid Stream of Interest and ambition.

“ further, all the advantages our Infant Settlements in the eastward have Receiv'd by the peace, are, under God, Owing to y<sup>r</sup> Excell<sup>ies</sup> & Hon<sup>rs</sup> great Wisdom, Care, & Vigilance, and neither to the love nor faith of Indians, they being by the Victorious arms of the province fore'd into peace, & what flow's not from Choyce but necessity, can only be suposed binding till opportunity offer.

“ That their love cant be depended upon is obvious to us, conversant among them, who look upon us, as unjust usurpers & intruders upon their rights and priviledges, and spoilers of their idle way of living.



“ They claim not only the wild beasts of the forest, and fowls of the air, but also fishes of Sea & rivers, and so with an ill eye looks upon our Salmon fishery, and no doubt would disturb our fishers were it not under the Immediate protection of the fort, as Severall can witness who have fished in undefended places; besides they Cant hide their spleen & Resentment against those of our Setlers, who in the late war acted in the province Service (a good many such we have) the peace has not secured some such from violent assaults, houses rifled, & peace purchased by gratifications pleasing to them, but with those vile abuses, & gross violations of peace we bore without giving y<sup>r</sup>. Excell<sup>ie</sup> & Hon<sup>rs</sup> trouble by complaints, while we Injoy’d the benefit of the fort, which cannot be expected when left as Catalans to the unbridled rage of such Enemyes, who Embalm’s the memory of the vilest murtherers, transmits them to posterity, who are ambitious enough to Copy these heroick virtues in their ancesters; their faith besides being the effect of force is under the Influence of that popish principle, of no faith to be kept with hereticks and the Sacrificing such has always been accounted meritorious, what can be more agreeable to them, than purchase Heaven hereafter, by raising their fame & reputations as Heroes here.

“ If such principles & practices promises a longer lifed peace than oportunity offers, and whether the dismantling fort George gives not such an oportunity, by having So many lives at their discretion, whose circumstances scarce alow two to be mutual aiding to one & other, we beg leave to Submitt to y<sup>r</sup>. Excell<sup>ies</sup> & Hon<sup>rs</sup> Serious thoughts, wisdom & Judgment. If we have forfeited our Claim and right to protection, we beg to be punnished according to the known equitable laws of the province, but we pray y<sup>r</sup>. Excell<sup>ie</sup> and Honours may not give us up to the rage of Enemyes, tho’ under the mask and varnish of peace, a punishment never yet Inflicted upon Brittish Subjects; In which Circumstances what shall we do? tamely to Submitt to Salvage rage is beneath the spirits of free born Subjects, to venture our lives in defence of our long toil & labour, tho’ we shall be the first sufferers, it is easy to see the consequences will reach much further, if we fly for Safety, we must leave our estates behind, which are the purchase of Industry in Subduing a wilderness, and then we become a burtheasome Charge to Charitable and well disposed Christians.

“ But we hope better things and such as are worthy your Excell<sup>ie</sup> at the head of So many wise Senators, to whose wisdom we submitt our Condition and circumstances, Earnestly begging in the most humble and dutiful maner, that your Excell<sup>ie</sup> according to the great trust

reposed in you, and Royal power wherewith you are Cloathed, with the advice & concurrence of both Honourable houses, may prevent our fears and give us a Reviving under the Continuance of the fort as the sensible pledge of your Excell<sup>ies</sup> protection and Instance of their Hon<sup>rs</sup> wisdom, care, & Goodness, in Securing the rights and lives of many subjects, and as in Duty bound

“ Your Humble Petioners Shall ever pray

“ We by apointment in behalf of ourselves & 20 families in Brunswick, Subscribes our names at Brunswick meeting-house this 25th of April 1737

*L. Bent Spear*

*W. M. Woodside*

*James W. Farland*

*David Grown*  
*James Gunning*

“ We by apointment in behalf of ourselves and 24 families in Topsum, subscribe our names at Brunswick meeting-house this 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1737

*Jacob Clarke*

*Thomas Thorn*  
*Hugh Minory*

“ I by apointment in behalf of 15 Circumjacent families do subscribe my name at Brunswick meeting-house this 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1737<sup>1</sup>

*Sam<sup>l</sup> Hineley*

Notwithstanding the foregoing petition the fort was soon afterwards

dismantled, and the property reverted to the proprietors, who, December 19, 1758, leased it, together with all the buildings and land connected with it, to Mr. George Harwood. He occupied the premises until November 1, 1761.<sup>1</sup>

At a meeting of the Pejepscot proprietors, held October 8, 1761, Belcher Noyes was instructed to execute a deed of the old fort, with the buildings and land belonging to it, and the privilege of the stream at the falls, "the one half to Jeremiah Moulton, Esquire, the other half to Captain David Dunning, they paying unto the said Belcher Noyes the sum of one hundred thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence, lawful money, for which sum he is to account with the Proprietors."<sup>2</sup> This sum amounted to about £1,000 old tenor.<sup>3</sup> On November 19, 1761, Belcher Noyes gave Harwood a written order to surrender the fort and buildings to either Moulton or Dunning.<sup>4</sup>

The ruins of this fort, with some portions of the wall yet standing, were plainly to be seen as late as 1802, and Mr. Dean Swift distinctly remembers playing upon these ruins when a boy. That gentleman is authority for saying the materials of the old fort were used in the construction of the foundations of some of the dwelling-houses now standing, and that some of the stones of which it was built form parts of the cellar-walls of the house owned and occupied by the late Doctor John D. Lincoln, of the Dunning house on the brow of the hill near the First Parish Meeting-House, of the Tontine Hotel, and other old buildings.

#### BLOCK-HOUSES AND GARRISONS.

The first fortified places in this vicinity, other than the fort, were probably erected by the Pejepscot proprietors in 1716, unless there is reason to suppose that Purchase, Stevens, and others of the very earliest settlers had garrisoned houses. In the record of a meeting of the proprietors, which was held October 9, 1716, the following occurs:—

"Agreed with Mr. Benjamin Swain to build the Chimneys in our House at Maquoit, and in our House at Small Point: the stack in each house to have four Fires at Forty Shillings pr Fire, Each Brick Arch under the four Chimneys to be at Forty Shillings pr Arch: The Stonework to be Four Shillings & 6d pr Perch, the Stuff to be at the Place, s<sup>d</sup> Swain to allow Boston Price for what Labour he has done by our Hands."

There is no positive evidence that the above were fortified buildings, but it is safe to presume so, since it is known that there were, in 1724

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Records.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*



and subsequently, a block-house and a well-fortified storehouse at Maquoit.

**THE DUNNING GARRISON.** — A short distance southwest of where the post-office now stands, in what was known as the Schwartkin garden, or in the rear of the McLellan building, where a white cottage now is, David Dunning erected a strong timber garrison or block-house. It was two stories high, forty feet long, and twenty-two feet wide. The second story projected about three or four feet over the first, and the walls had loop-holes for the purpose of enabling the inmates to fire upon the Indians when necessity required. There was a tower on the top, from which the teams could be watched on their way to and from the Merriconeag Marshes.

The above-mentioned garrison was probably the largest one, but there are known to have been many others in different parts of the town, and there were probably some of which no account has been preserved. The location of all that were known will be given.

**THE GIVEEN GARRISON.** — On the elevation between New Wharf and Pennell's Wharf there was a garrison erected at an early date by David Giveen.

**THE HINKLEY GARRISON.** — There was a garrison in 1747 at New Meadows, which was built by Deacon Samuel Hinkley and two of his sons-in-law, named Thompson. It stood on the elevation in the rear of the barn now owned by Mr. Bartlett Adams, and the outline of the garrison is still easily traced.

**HAM'S GARRISON.** — There was a garrison on Ham's Hill, near the head of New Meadows River, on the road to Bath. It was situated a few rods south of the road, on the top of the hill, on a ledge of rocks just back of the barn of Mr. Peterson, the present owner of the lot. It was near this garrison that Seth Hinkley was killed, in May, 1747. It was probably built or occupied by Joseph Smith, a tanner. No remains of this garrison are to be seen at the present day, though many of the large, square timbers of which it was composed remained on the site within the memory of persons now living. It was much exposed to attacks from the Indians on their route from New Meadows to Pejepscot.<sup>1</sup>

**McFARLAND'S GARRISON.** — About 1730, James McFarland built a two-story block-house on what is now the corner of Maine and Mason Streets, where Day's Block now is. In this garrison Reverend Robert Dunlap lived for some years after he came to town.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

This garrison was of hewn timber, forty feet long by twenty feet wide. It was taken down a short time before the close of the Indian war.

**MINOT'S GARRISON.** — John Minot had a garrison and a storehouse about five rods west of where the late Henry Minot's house stood at Mair Point. The date of its erection is not known.

**THE SKOLFIELD GARRISON.** — This garrison was situated near where Mr. Peter Woodward now lives. It was built and owned by Thomas Skolfield. The date of its erection is not known.

**THE GURNET POINT GARRISON** is said to have been built and owned by Captain John Gatchell.<sup>1</sup>

**THE SPEAR GARRISON.** — Nearly opposite the old meeting-house which stood on the Maquoit road, about a mile from the colleges, was once a garrison built by William and Robert Spear, and occupied by the latter. The wall was sixty or seventy feet in circumference, and ten feet high. Inside there was a one-story, gambrel-roofed house, which faced the east, and the back of which formed a part of the timber wall. This garrison was once attacked by the Indians. Mr. Spear had placed some loose boards across one corner of the wall. An Indian climbed up on this corner in order to get inside and unbar the gates, but the boards extending outside of the wall, his weight caused them to tip up, and he fell back into an old sleigh, the noise, of course, arousing Mr. Spear.<sup>2</sup>

According to another account, the Indian fell back into a hog-pen, and it was the unusual grunting of its disturbed porcine occupant that awoke Mr. Spear.

Besides the garrisons which have been mentioned were dwellings which the occupants made proof against bullets by lining them with studs four inches thick. These houses had also apertures in different rooms, so that their owners might defend their own castle. Guns were kept in readiness for use in the house, and were carried by the settlers wherever they went.

**THE GUN-HOUSE.** — The old gun-house, which stood on Centre Street, on the lot adjoining that of the present school-house, was built in 1808, and was destroyed by fire in 1809. It was at once rebuilt, and was occupied as a gun-house for the Brunswick artillery for many years. It is now a dwelling on the southern side of Franklin Street, near its eastern end.

**THE POWDER-HOUSE.** — The original powder-house was built in

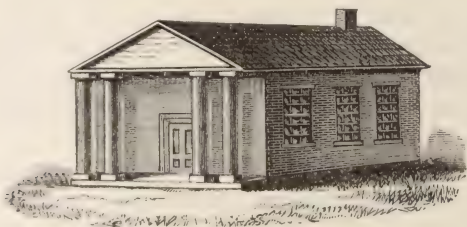
<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

1804-5 by Samuel Melcher, who agreed to erect it for twenty dollars. In 1805 it was examined by a committee, and declared by them to be worth only four dollars and fifty cents. This amount the town paid, but would not accept the building. In 1816 the town authorized the selectmen to build a new powder-house at an expense of one hundred and fifty dollars. This building stood on the top of the hill on Pleasant Street, which gave to the hill the name of Powder-House Hill.

**TOWN-HOUSE.** — For almost one hundred years after its incorporation the town of Brunswick had no building of its own in which to hold its meetings, except the First Parish Meeting-House.

The first movement towards a town-house was in 1835. At a meeting of the town, held April 27, of this year, it was voted to build a town-house without unnecessary delay. In 1836 seven hundred dollars was appropriated, and a building committee was chosen, who were authorized to borrow three hundred dollars additional. The house was built this year on land given by Reverend William Allen and David Dunlap, Esquire.



It was built of brick, one story high, with fifteen-foot posts. The ground dimensions were sixty by forty-two feet. Richard T. Dunlap, Jacob Pennell, and Joseph McKeen were the building committee. The town voted to purchase a lot, at a price not exceeding fifty dollars, on the southeast corner of the lot on which President Allen's academy stood. The lot was to be four rods in front and to run back ten rods. The building committee were authorized to obtain any other lot, if deemed more desirable. They selected the one already mentioned, and the house was built on Maine Street, about opposite the southern end of the college grounds. Between March 16 and the June following, in the year 1857, this building was burnt, and the town, at its next meeting, authorized the selectmen to dispose of the ruins and lot. Since that time the town has been without a town hall, and its meetings have been held in halls leased for the purpose.



## MEETING-HOUSES.

The first meeting-house of the First Parish was situated about a mile south of the present edifice of that parish. It was located in the road in front of the graveyard. It faced south, and the travelled part of the road passed by the west end of the building.

The parsonage was a small, one-story house, situated just south of the graveyard, and faced the road.

In front of the meeting-house stood the stocks, and in the rear was the whipping-post.

North of the graveyard was a pound, with a substantial fence, gate, lock, and key.

The boards for this meeting-house are said to have been brought from Richmond Fort. The interior was never finished; the walls were left bare, and as there was no ceiling, the roof-timbers were exposed to view. The pews were large and square, with seats on three sides. Over the pulpit was a sounding-board, which was supported by two iron rods running obliquely from the posts to the front of the sounding-board. During the Revolution the east end of the house, next to the roof, was partitioned off and used as a powder magazine. The building was never warmed by a stove or fireplace. In severe weather many persons carried foot-stoves to meeting with them.



FIRST MEETING-HOUSE IN BRUNSWICK.

The municipal doings of the town regarding this building are of interest and are therefore inserted here. The first movement looking to the erection of the building was made in 1719, as will be seen from

the following extract<sup>1</sup> from the Records of the *Township* of Brunswick: —

“Att a Leagual Town meeting in Brunswick Jan<sup>y</sup> 9: 1719 Voted, That the Timber for a Meeting House Be Prepared Raised & underpin<sup>d</sup> as soon as may bee, That whereas To methodize oversee & finish the work Capt Gyles, Elder Cochron, John Cochron, James Starrat & Joseph Heath are Chosen, This is Their authority for their proceedings in the S<sup>d</sup> work. And the Towns obligation to Discharge y<sup>e</sup> Debt Contracted by S<sup>d</sup> Committee for y<sup>e</sup> Compleating y<sup>e</sup> above S<sup>d</sup> work

Voted, That whereas it may be an ease to Sum if they may Discharge part of their Dues toward y<sup>e</sup> work by their own Labour therein as accation may Serve, The master workman observing Each mans ability & Labour Shall state their wages in proportion there unto y<sup>t</sup> So no injustice be Done

“JOSEPH HEATH *Town C<sup>lk</sup>*”

It would appear that little or nothing was done at that time, however, as in 1721 it was voted: —

“That the former Projections of raising a meeting house be revived. That thirty pounds money be raised by rate to carry on y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> work with a proviso that Each Inhabitant may be imploy<sup>d</sup> in the work so far as his ability & proportion of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Rate will allow y<sup>e</sup> value of Each mans Daily labour to be Stated by the master workman & return<sup>d</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Committee for over Seeing S<sup>d</sup> work. Such part of the S<sup>d</sup> rate only to be Collected in money as shall be soficient to pay the said master Workman his wages, and also the arrearages which Capt Gyles & Heath Stand obliged to pay on y<sup>e</sup> Towns Account. The work formerly Done in preparing Timber For y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> House to be re-dnised out of the rate of those who Did it. And Capt Gyles, Mr Wharton, John Cochron, James Smith, & Joseph Heath to be a Committee to methodize y<sup>e</sup> work.”<sup>2</sup>

The meeting-house was erected chiefly at the expense of the Pejepscot proprietors, the agreement being that the inhabitants should erect the frame of the building and that it should be completed by the proprietors. Sashes, glass, doors, etc., were probably procured in Boston. The following account shows a part of the cost of the building: —

<sup>1</sup> *Brunswick Records in Pejepscot Collection.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

## THE GENTLEMEN PROPRIETORS OF BRUNSWICK

TO B. LARRABEE D<sup>r</sup>

July 28

1735 The account of stuff &amp;c for the meeting house

To 1070 ft Joyce Plank & Board @ 60/ p M . . . . .	£3	4	0
1438 ft Clear Boards at 80/ . . . . .	5	14	10
To fetching stuff from y <sup>e</sup> mill 3 men 2 days at 6/ . . . . .	1	16	6
To Gundolow hire 2 days at 4/ . . . . .	0	8	0
To 4 days haling Boards Joyce & Shingles @ 15/ . . . . .	3		
To haling posts for scaffolds . . . . .		10	
To 2000 Clapboards @ 90/ . . . . .	9		
To bringing them from Topsham 3 men 1 day . . . . .		15	
To 5 thick Boards for the Pulpitt . . . . .		13	
To 6000 of shingles at 20/ . . . . .	6		
To 2180 feet of Joyce . . . . .	8	8	
To 857 feet of 2-inch plank . . . . .	5	2	
To 500 Merchantable Boards . . . . .	1	10	
To 1550 feet of Clear Boards . . . . .	6	4	

Sept<sup>r</sup>

To haling boards 3 days 2 men 4 oxen @ 24/ . . . . . 3 12

To Boating Boards, Joyce &c from North Yarm<sup>o</sup> 2 men 4  
days at 6/ . . . . . 2 8

Jan'y

To half a thousand of Board Nails . . . . .		16	
To 1½ thousand of Clapboard Nails . . . . .	1	10	
To treating the workmen . . . . .		6	6
To Gundalow hire 15/ 1 man 2 days @ 6/ . . . . .	1	7	
To 3 pair of rais'd Aches at 4/6 . . . . .		12	6
To 200 board Nails . . . . .		6	6
To 300 Clapboard nails . . . . .		5	6
To Speaks, brads, hangings for the Canopy . . . . .	3	15	4
To paid Capt Woodside for assisting in haling the Stuff . . . . .		15	
To Banisters for ye Pews & Pulpitt stairs . . . . .	1	17	6
To paid M <sup>r</sup> Pearse for work done on the meeting house . . . . .	123	2	
To paid said Pearse . . . . .	5		

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In 1755 the town voted to "repair the windows, long seats, and the underpinning of the meeting house."

[1763.] In the year 1763 the town voted to set off and sell thirteen pews on the floor and sixteen pews in the gallery of the west meeting-house, "The oldest inhabitants that have no pews to have the preference in buying said pews." The proceeds were to be used to defray the expense of repairing and finishing the meeting-house.

[1797.] Some difficulty appears to have arisen in 1797 in regard to the jurisdiction over and responsibility for the meeting-house, as in



March the town passed several rather contradictory votes in regard to the matter. In the first place it was voted that the town had *no right* to repair the west meeting-house, and that it ought to be repaired by the owners of pews.<sup>1</sup> Then it was decided by vote that the *whole town* should have *all the privileges* in the meeting-house that had been heretofore enjoyed. Third, that if there was any vacant space for pews, the *proprietors* had a right to sell it, and to use the proceeds for repairing the meeting-house. Finally, it was voted that the owners of pews were not the *sole* owners of the meeting-house.

The meeting-house was that year cut in two in the middle, one half was moved a few feet, and an addition inserted, the width of two pews.<sup>2</sup> It is not probable that any repairs were made to this building after this date, as in 1806 the First Parish erected a new building on the site of their present edifice.

The old building was unoccupied for many years, excepting for occasional services. At one time, probably about 1828, it was occupied for a short time by the Baptists. It was destroyed by fire in 1834, the fire being the work of an incendiary.

The *second* meeting-house of the *First Parish* was erected at New Meadows about the year 1756. Previous to that time services had been held in a barn situated near the present residence of Bartlett Adams. In 1755 a proposition was made that the town should build a meeting-house at the east end of the town, but it was defeated. A committee was however chosen by the town to solicit subscriptions for this purpose, and the building was erected not long afterwards upon the ground now (1877) occupied by the barn of Mr. Ephraim Wilcox. Although the building was erected by subscription, yet inasmuch as those worshipping in it were members of the First Parish, and as the minister of the First Parish was instructed by vote of the town to preach at New Meadows a certain portion of the time, this meeting-house may properly be called the *second* meeting-house of the First Parish.

This building stood unoccupied for many years, and was finally carried off piecemeal, from time to time, by those living in the vicinity, for fences, out-buildings, etc. The last remnant was carried away about the year 1834.

The *third* meeting-house of the *First Parish* was begun in 1806, and was completed the next year. It was built by individuals who sold

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<sup>1</sup> *The Baptists had withdrawn.*

<sup>2</sup> *Mrs. Lamb, Dean Swift, and other aged citizens.*

the pews, and then the building was made over to the parish. The land was bought of Robert D. Dunning and William Stanwood, and not, as is believed by many, of the college. The college, however, contributed something towards the erection of the building, for the privilege of holding Commencement and other exercises in it, but has never had any other ownership in it than the right to the pews in the south gallery.



This meeting-house was built under the direction of Mr. Samuel Melcher, who was a superior workman. It is said that the underpinning for this meeting-house was brought here from Yarmouth, being hauled over Crip's Ledge.

Reverend Samuel Eaton, of Harpswell, in his seventy-fourth year, and who had but just recovered from a fractured leg, made a prayer on the frame before it was raised. The outside was nearly finished before September 2, 1806, and the inside was fitted, temporarily, for the

exercises of the first Commencement at Bowdoin College. The first bell ever rung in town was placed on this meeting-house. It was bought by subscription, but precisely when it was bought is not known. This meeting-house was also the first to be warmed by a stove. In 1807 the building was dedicated. President Appleton preached the sermon from the text, "He hath loved our nation, and hath built us a synagogue."

In 1833 this building was remodelled and made more pleasant and commodious. In 1845 it was taken down, and the present edifice was erected upon its site. The spire of the present edifice was blown off in 1866.

The *Conference Room* of the *First Parish*, on Centre Street, was erected in 1823.

In 1841 it was sold with the land, and the building on School Street, which was erected by the Second Baptist Society, and which had been occupied by them as their place of worship, was purchased and refitted for the Congregational vestry, and is still used as such.

**BAPTIST MEETING-HOUSES.** — The first meeting-house erected by the Baptists was built at Maquoit in 1798 or 1799. It stood about a mile below the old First Parish Meeting-House, on the right-hand side of the road where the old Maquoit burying-ground is. It was somewhat similar in appearance to the old First Parish Meeting-House, having no steeple, and being roughly finished. In 1853 it was sold to Samuel Dunning and moved to his ship-yard for a boarding-house.

The next building erected by the Baptists was at New Meadows, in the year 1800. In 1848 it was taken down, and the present edifice erected on its site.

The third Baptist meeting-house was what is now known as the Congregational Vestry. It was erected in 1826 by the "Second Baptist Society," and occupied by them for about ten years. In 1841 it was sold to the First Parish.

The fourth building erected by the Baptists was the one now occupied by the Catholics, on Federal Street. It was erected in 1829 by the Federal Street Baptist Society. It cost about eight hundred dollars. It was sold to the Methodists in 1836, and was occupied by them until the erection of their present house in 1866. Subsequently it was sold to the Catholics.

The Maine Street Baptist Church was erected in 1840. In 1867 it was remodelled and greatly improved, at a cost of \$2,000. The pulpit and platform were remodelled and finished in black-walnut and



chestnut, to correspond with the newly arranged pews, which were also made of chestnut and without doors. The aisles were carpeted, the ceiling was frescoed, and gas fixtures were put in.

**FREE-WILL BAPTIST MEETING-HOUSES.** — The first Free-Will Baptist Meeting-House was erected in 1810. It was a small, one-story building, and stood quite near the Freeport line. What became of this building is not known. The society worshipping in it afterwards, in 1827, united with the Universalists and Congregationalists in building the Union Meeting-House at Growstown.

The Village Church of the Free-Will Baptists, on O'Brien Street, was erected in 1876, the society having previously worshipped in Lemont Hall.

**THE UNION MEETING-HOUSE AT GROWSTOWN** was erected in 1827. This house was built jointly by the Free-Will Baptists, the Congregationalists, and the Universalists. Reverend Sylvanus Cobb, a Universalist, preached the first sermon in it. It is still used by the Free-Will Baptists, and although it was built for a Union meeting-house, they have from the first had control of it for the greater part of the time.

**UNIVERSALIST MEETING-HOUSES.** — The first church edifice erected by the Universalists was situated on Federal Street, opposite the present High-School building, on the lot now owned by the Unitarians. It was built in 1828, and cost about seven hundred dollars, which in those days was quite a sum of money. Mr. Anthony C. Raymond built the house, chiefly at his own expense. When completed he sold pews to fifteen persons, and subsequently a few more pews were disposed of, but he was always the principal owner. The house was dedicated November 24, 1829. In 1847 or 1848 the building was sold to the Maquoit Baptist Society, and it was removed to the junction of the old Harpswell and Mair Point roads, where it received the name of the *Forest Church*. In 1875 it was sold to the Grangers, moved back to the village, and placed at the corner of Union Street and Gilman Avenue, where it is used as a hall.

The second church building erected by the Universalists was what is now known as the **MASON STREET CHURCH**. It was built in 1846, the basement of the building and the land being the exclusive property of Mr. John L. Swift. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Reverend E. G. Brooks, of Bath (now Reverend Doctor Brooks of the Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia). The prayer of consecration was offered by Reverend George Bates, of Turner, recently deceased. Other parts of the services were performed by Reverend Giles Bailey,

the pastor, by Reverend Seth Stetson, and by Reverend W. C. George. The town clock and bell on this building were purchased chiefly by subscription, by citizens of Brunswick and Topsham, in 1847, the town of Brunswick appropriating, however, the sum of two hundred dollars toward the purchase of the clock. Colonel Andrew Dennison was the most prominently connected with the movement, and the subject was started by him. He transacted the business, and the bills were made in his name as *agent for the town*. A bell weighing 1,700 pounds was purchased of Henry N. Hooper & Co., of Boston, but it was unsatisfactory in *tone* and was returned. Another bell was then purchased of George H. Holbrook, East Medway, Massachusetts, weighing 1,794 pounds, and costing \$479.57. The same bell is now in use. The clock was purchased of Howard & Davis, Boston. It cost, including dial, hands, etc., and expenses of freight and putting up, \$340.30.

**METHODIST CHURCH.** — The Methodist Church on Pleasant Street is the only one ever erected by that denomination in Brunswick. It was built in 1866. The society had previously worshipped in the building on Federal Street which they bought of the Baptists.

The new edifice on Pleasant Street was begun in the spring of 1866 and was completed in December of the same year. It cost with the lot \$9,000; nearly the whole amount was raised by voluntary subscription and by the sale of pews. There was, however, a debt of about \$1,000, which was finally paid in the year 1872.

On December 5, 1866, the chapel was dedicated with the following services: —

Invocation, by Reverend E. A. Helmershausen; address, by Reverend J. Colby; hymn (964th), by Reverend L. D. Wardwell; prayer, by Reverend D. B. Randall; reading of Scriptures, by Reverend C. C. Cone; hymn (968th), by Reverend Mark Trafton; sermon, by the same, followed by an offertory, psalm of consecration, presentation, declaration, prayer of consecration, anthem, doxology, and benediction.

In 1875 the church was thoroughly repaired, some marked improvements made, and the lot inclosed with a handsome and durable fence. The cost of these repairs and improvements was about six hundred and fifty dollars, which was promptly paid.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EPISCOPAL.** — This church was erected in 1844 and 1845, from plans furnished by Richard Upjohn, architect, of New York. The cost of the building and land was about \$4,000, most of which was contributed by friends in Rhode Island, New York, and Philadelphia. It was consecrated according to the use and liturgy of

the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, on Friday, July 11, 1845.

The deed of donation was read by Reverend Thomas F. Fales, rector of the parish, and the sentence of consecration, by Reverend Robert B. Hall, of the Diocese of Rhode Island. Morning prayer was conducted by Reverend Messrs. James Pratt, of Portland, and Alexander Burgess, of Augusta. The rector read the ante-communion service, assisted by Reverend R. B. Hall, who read the epistle, and Reverend Francis Peck, of the Diocese of Maryland, who read the gospel. The consecration sermon was preached by Bishop Henshaw, of Rhode Island.

Various changes have been made in the church. In 1858 the present arched ceiling was put in, under the open-timbered roof, to improve the acoustic properties of the building. Changes were made in the chancel furniture, but the most noticeable improvements were made by Reverend Mr. Taylor, in August, 1873, which have made the church so beautiful. The memorial window to Bishop Burgess was placed in the chancel in 1868, and that to Reverend Doctor Ballard in November, 1871.

#### OTHER BUILDINGS.

A description of the dwellings occupied by Thomas Purchase, Stevens, and others, among the very early settlers, would be interesting, but there is no record or tradition concerning them. The following account of *A Frontier Home*, copied from Sewall's "Ancient Dominions of Maine," will probably give as good an idea of those ancient habitations as can now be obtained from any source:—

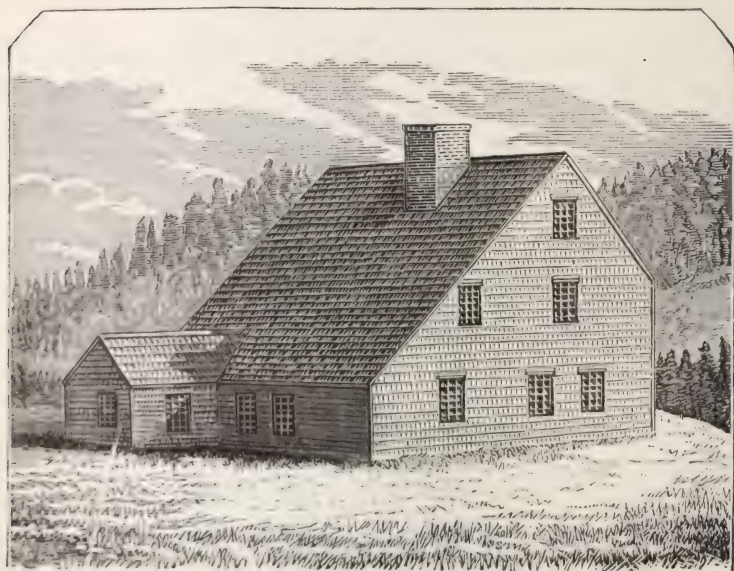
"A simple structure of logs was reared from the butts of the ancient trees, fallen by the pioneer axe on the spot where they were cut down for a clearing. The walls of a rectangular structure thus built were covered with bark or thatch. The enclosed earth was excavated for a cellar, which was unwallled. The excavation was then planked over with riven logs of pine, and a trap-door in the centre of the flooring let you into the bowels of the primitive structure, consisting of a single room below and a garret above, to which a ladder led the ascent. In one corner of the log-walled room, a large fireplace opened its cavernous depths. The back and one side was built of stone, while a wooden post set the opposite jamb, supporting a horizontal beam for a mantel-piece. Through the bark, thatch, or slab roof, or outside and up the back wall of the building, was reared a bob-work of cleft wood, whose interstices were filled with mortar-clay, which, in place of



brick and mortar, was called 'cat and clay.' On the hearth, usually a flat stone, an ample store of wood was heaped, which was felled at the door, while the capacious fireplace, glowing with light and heat from the blazing hearth-pile, not only illumined the whole interior, but afforded a snug corner for the indiscriminate stowage of a bevy of little ones."

Allusions to other buildings which are not now in existence, but the location of which is a matter of interest, will be found in other connections. What follows relates only to such buildings as are known to have been built in the last century or in the early part of this century, and which are *still in existence*, either in whole or in part.

Probably the oldest house now standing in town is what is known as the ROBERT THOMPSON HOUSE. It is on the south side of the road to Harding's Station, and is the first house to the east after passing Cook's Corner. It was erected by Cornelius Thompson, and has been owned in the Thompson family until 1869. Cornelius Thompson owned the lot in 1738-9, and his first child was born in 1741. If, as is probable, the house was erected previously to the birth of this child, the house is not less than one hundred and thirty-six years old.



The chimney to this house is about four feet square at the top. The bricks are laid in *clay*. The flooring boards are sixteen to eight-

teen inches wide, and are treenailed instead of nailed. The west room, or parlor, is panelled on the sides and ends up to the windows, and is plastered above. The sides of the building on the north and east are bricked between the studs as high as the ceiling of the lower story. This was done for warmth. In the corner of the parlor is a buffet with shelves, etc., elaborately moulded by hand. The frame of the house is of massive timber. The door-hinges are of wrought-iron, large, clumsy, and of curious construction.

The house faces the south. The present road north of the house was not in existence when the house was built. The occupants had a private road from the house leading southeasterly to the New Meadows River road, which was only a short distance off.

The next oldest house in town is the HINKLEY HOUSE, now owned and occupied by Chapin Weston. It is just north of the railroad, near Harding's Station. It was occupied by Doctor Dunken as early as 1775, and probably about 1770, as this latter was the date of his marriage. It was occupied, before Dunken had it, by Gideon Hinkley. Hinkley's first child was born in 1758, and his last one in 1770. If the house was built by Hinkley, it was probably erected about 1756 or 1757, and on that supposition would now be one hundred and twenty years old. It may, however, have been built before Hinkley's time, as Thomas Westbrook owned the lot in 1737; and if the house was built by the latter, it would be nearly one hundred and forty years old, which would make it an older house than the Robert Thompson house just described.

Jacob Weston, grandfather of Chapin, bought this house in 1783 or 1784, and it has remained in the Weston family ever since. It is similar in appearance and in construction to the Thompson house, and it does not therefore require a more particular description.

The house now occupied by Deacon James Smith, at New Meadows, was built by Samuel Melcher prior to 1768.

The house once owned and occupied by Nathaniel Larrabee, and which was built somewhere about the time of the Revolution, is still in existence, and is owned by Grows & Bowker and used as a store-house. It is at New Meadows.

The dwelling-house now occupied by the family of the late Doctor John D. Lincoln is the oldest in the village. It was built in 1772 by Captain John Dunlap, who lived in it until the year 1800. During its occupation by Captain Dunlap it was a public house, and at one time Talleyrand was a guest in it. Between 1800 and 1806 it was occupied by Captain Richard Tappan. From 1806 to 1820, Henry Putnam,

Esquire, lived in it. At the latter date it passed into the hands of Doctor Isaac Lincoln (whose wife was a daughter of Captain Dunlap), and from him it descended to his son, its late owner. There was a store in the yard south of the house, which was afterwards moved across the street, and is now occupied by Mrs. Griffin as a millinery store.

What is now the town Poorhouse was built about 1775 by Thomas Thompson, a cousin of the brigadier, so that it is now over one hundred years old.<sup>1</sup>

The residence of Mrs. Joseph McKeen, on McKeen Street, was built in 1776, or soon after, by Samuel Stanwood, who occupied it until 1804, when he sold it to President McKeen. It was occupied by the latter from 1807 until his death, and has been occupied by the family of the late Joseph McKeen, Esquire, since that time.

The building now occupied as an office by the Eastern Express Company was built in the latter part of the last century and was once used as a tobacco manufactory by Coffin & Thurston. It then stood near the corner of O'Brien Street, where is now the residence of Mr. Benjamin Greene. It was afterwards removed by Daniel Stone and used as a store. The date of its erection and by whom it was built are not known.

The building now standing on the northwest corner of Centre Street, occupied in the lower part by John H. Brackett, tailor, and by Larkin Snow, grocer, and the upper story of which is used as a tenement, was built with one story in 1797 by Colonel William Stanwood. In 1804 he added another story to it and fitted it up as a law office for his son, David Stanwood, Esquire. The lower part was used for a store. This building stands within a few feet of the spot where McFarland's blacksmith shop once stood. The latter was torn down in 1797 and Stanwood's shop erected in its place.

The house now occupied by Mr. R. T. D. Melcher, on Maine Street, was built in 1798 by Mr. Shimuel Owen, and afterwards was sold to Mrs. Greenleaf, and was subsequently sold to the present occupant.

The next house north of the above, which formerly stood very near to it, was built by Shimuel Owen, and was occupied by him until he built the Melcher house. Colonel Estabrook lived in this house in 1802. Mr. Owen at length sold it to a Mr. Read, a brother-in-law of his wife. It was afterwards sold to Captain Samuel Dunlap. His

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<sup>1</sup> *Dean Swift.*



widow married Reverend George Lamb, whom she survived. She still owns and occupies the property.

The house of Caleb Cushing, now owned and occupied by James Alexander, on Maine Street, was built in 1799.

A portion of the residence of Mr. William Pierce, on Lincoln Street, is quite old. It belonged to a house which was originally hauled from Fish-House Hill by a tailor named Robinson. In 1801 Robert Orr, Esquire, had an office in it. It was afterwards owned and occupied by Doctor Charles Coffin, who sold it to Captain Thomas Growse, and he, in 1810, sold it to Mr. Ebenezer Nichols. Nichols kept it as a public house for a few years, and his widow afterwards occupied it. After she left it the building was occupied as a private dwelling until 1838, when it was purchased by Mr. L. T. Jackson, was taken down, and rebuilt as a part of Mr. Pierce's house.

The white cottage between Doctor Palmer's and Mr. Benjamin Dennison's, on Maine Street, was built and occupied previous to 1802 by Mr. Aaron Melcher. It was afterwards owned by Isaac Gates, a lawyer, and was sold by him to Major Rowe, a Revolutionary soldier, who still later sold it to Mr. L. T. Jackson, by whose heirs it is still owned.

The present residence of the Honorable Charles J. Gilman was built by Captain John Dunlap in 1800, and it was for many years one of the finest residences in town. It is still a handsome abode. The small dwelling-house in Mr. Gilman's yard was built previous to 1800, and was occupied for some years by a watch-maker named Bisbee, whose shop stood nearly opposite.

The house erected by John Dunning, a few years later, is the one still standing on the corner of Union and Pleasant Streets, and is now known as the Samuel Jackson house.

What is now the back portion of Mr. S. S. Wing's house, on O'Brien Street, once belonged to old Timothy Weymouth, a wheelwright, and a very eccentric man, who lived in it about 1802. In 1806 this house was moved into the woods to make way for the then new meeting-house of the First Parish. It was afterwards removed below Mr. Daniel Stone's house, and still later was moved to its present location.

The present residence of Doctor Nathaniel T. Palmer was originally a one-story building, erected by Ebenezer Nichols. He afterwards added another story and lived in it, following the trade of a shoe-maker. It was afterwards purchased by Secomb Jordan, a deputy sheriff, who fitted it up and improved its appearance, and sold it to

David Stanwood, who continued to live in it until it was sold to Abner Bourne. From the latter it passed to Doctor Solomon Cushman, and from him to Doctor Palmer.

The gambrel-roofed house on Centre Street, near Federal, now occupied by Mrs. Pierce, was originally connected with the residence of Doctor Goss, at Maquoit. It was hauled to the village early in this century, by Doctor Page, and was used by him as an office, and was then situated in his yard, just south of his house. It was afterwards removed to its present location.

The house now owned by the heirs of Rodney Forsaith, on Maine Street, was built, in 1794, by Major Swift, father of Dean and John L. Swift.

The house now owned and occupied by Captain L. J. Joyce, on Noble Street, was originally the old tavern which stood in the north-west corner of the college yard, and was afterwards taken down, and rebuilt in its present location. It was originally built in 1803.

The old house just north of the residence of Theodore S. McLellan, on Maine Street, was moved there from Maquoit, previous to 1802, by a tanner by the name of Heath. This old house has had many occupants. It is now owned by Mr. McLellan, and leased by him as a tenement.

The Page house, next south of the Mason Street Church, which is now occupied as a boarding-house, with stores below, was built in 1804 for a store, and was occupied by Jacob Abbot and Gustavus Goss. It was subsequently owned and occupied by Doctor Jonathan Page.

The Cleaveland house, on Federal Street, now the summer residence of Honorable Peleg W. Chandler, of Boston, was built in 1806 by the late Professor Parker Cleaveland, then a tutor in Bowdoin College.

There are doubtless other houses than those that have been enumerated, which might be entitled to mention on account of their age or because in some way noted, but the foregoing are all in regard to which any thing definite has been ascertained.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

## FORTS, GARRISONS, CHURCHES, AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN TOPSHAM AND HARPSWELL.

## FORTS AND GARRISONS.

THERE is a statement in the Pejepscot Papers to the effect that the first fort erected in this vicinity was on the Topsham side of the river, and tradition speaks of an Indian fort on the ledge at the end of the bridge near where the old toll-house now stands. In 1684 Wharton ratified his treaty with the Indians at Pejepscot Fort.<sup>1</sup> This could not have been Fort Andross, which was not erected until 1688, nor Fort George, which was built still later. It is therefore not improbable that the Indians had a fortification at or near the spot upon which tradition says there was one, and that it was there that Wharton ratified his treaty. There is no evidence that there was an *English* fort here at that time, and there is nothing to warrant such a belief. The tradition in regard to an Indian fort on the Topsham Island is not only mentioned by Williamson and other early writers, but is also contained in a statement made by John Merrill, Esquire, which is preserved in the collection of Pejepscot Papers. His statement was as follows:—

“In answer to the Several Questions asked can only answer at present:

“I came to Topsham first in April A. D. 1760. The fort taken by Capt<sup>n</sup> Church, as I was informed by Mr. Samuel Wilson, was somewhere near where the Bridge now is and he said *he* had seen some of the remains of said fort and *I* saw an old cellar on the Island near where the bridge is, supposed to be an Indian Cellar. There were marks of a settlement where Merrill point so called, now is, — I don’t know what built of — where was part of a gun or guns and a number of Indian knives of stone, — near a dozen I think, — made very curiously, one of which I gave to Bowdoin College.”

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<sup>1</sup> See Part 1, Chapter 2.



The statement that the fort taken by Church was at Pejepscot is proved by Church's own journal<sup>1</sup> to be an error. Williamson, McKeen, and others have made the same mistake.

There were formerly quite a number of garrisons in this town, though not so many as in Brunswick. Near the spot where Mr. James Wilson's house now stands, there was at one time a block-house which had a tower, in which the women used to sit and spin while the men were at work in the fields. If Indians were seen approaching, the women would blow a conch shell to warn the men. Shot, weighing three or four pounds each, have been ploughed up at different times in the surrounding field.

There were several garrisons on the "Foreside," near Merrymeeting Bay, the precise location and date of erection of which are not positively known. One of these was erected in 1756 and was under the charge of Captain Lithgow.

A garrison-house was built by a Mr. Gore about where Mr. Collins Purington now lives, near the railroad station.

There was another garrison on the vacant lot east of the village burying-ground, in front of the residence of Mrs. F. T. Purinton, and one on the hill above the Free-Will Baptist Meeting-House. The late Mr. Rufus Rogers dug up numerous Indian arrow-heads and other implements of war near his residence.

GUN-HOUSE. — The gun-house of the artillery company, which was built about 1808, perhaps earlier, was, after the disbandment of that company, sold to the proprietors of the Topsham Academy, and was used for a wood-shed until the destruction of the Academy by fire, in 1857, after which it was purchased by the late Reverend Doctor Wheeler, and was converted into the carriage-house connected with his residence, where it still remains.

#### CHURCHES.

In 1759 the frame of the first meeting-house in Topsham was erected by the settlers. The agreement between the proprietors and the settlers was that the latter should erect the frame of the building and that the proprietors should complete it.<sup>2</sup> It was the wish of the proprietors to pay for the work of finishing the meeting house by the sale of lots, and owing to the difficulty in obtaining pay for their lots, the work upon the meeting-house was delayed, and in October, 1761, it had not been boarded over. At that time Dr. Noyes wrote Mr.

<sup>1</sup> Dexter, Church's "*Philip's War*," pp. 50 to 56

<sup>2</sup> Pejepscot Records.

Freeman, "I expect the meeting-house will be covered before winter. John Patten sent to me for 15M shingle nails which are sent pr Stanwood. Nothing further, at present, is intended than to secure the frame."<sup>1</sup> In April, 1763, Dr. Noyes writes, "I have the sashes for the meeting-house in my custody, but until I receive money due from the settlers I cannot get them done." In June, of the same year, he writes, "By repeated complaints of the people I do not find that John Patten takes any care about the meeting-house, that the window-frames have lain exposed to the weather, the shingle nails rusted, and I can't persuade him to act in this service as I expected from him. The men that undertook to shingle the roof have not yet completed it."<sup>2</sup> Precisely when the meeting-house was finished is not known, but it was probably shingled and clapboarded and partially finished inside during the summer of 1764. This building stood about two and one half miles east of the village, on the road to Bowdoinham, where the old burying-ground is. It was similar in construction to the meeting-houses of Brunswick and Harpswell. After the erection of the second meeting-house of the First Parish this building was allowed to go to ruin, and was carried off piecemeal by different persons for fences and other purposes.

The *second* meeting-house of the First Parish was built in 1821. It stood on what is now the High-School lot. It was about on a line with the present residence of Deacon David Scribner and the Franklin Family School building. It was built mainly by individuals residing in the village, and was presented by them, conditionally, to the First Parish. This meeting-house was, both externally and internally, very different from the old one. It was much larger, and had a tall steeple upon which was a handsome vane. The windows were large and long, so that they lighted both the body of the house and the galleries. The galleries extended the length of the building on both sides and across the north end. They were supported by pillars. The north gallery was for the choir, and here, subsequently, was placed a really fine organ, which was presented to the society by Major William Frost. It was the first organ used in Topsham. The pulpit was quite high, being almost on a level with the galleries. A flight of stairs on each side led to it, and beneath, just in front, between the stairs, stood the communion-table and chairs. Behind the pulpit was a large window, hung with heavy drapery, which opened into the vestry. The vestry was a room over the entry, and was reached by the

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

stairway on either side that led to the galleries. The pulpit was of mahogany, and was considered a nice piece of workmanship. There were two longitudinal aisles and one broad, transverse one in front of the pulpit. There were sixty pews in the body of the building, and about forty-two in the galleries. Those in the body of the building were oblong box-pews, and the doors were fastened with brass buttons. There was one pew in the gallery, occupied by Mrs. Fields, that was higher than the rest and had windows in front, over which curtains could be drawn. The gallery pews were nearly square. The aisles were nicely carpeted, and the house was warmed by two large box-stoves. In the centre of the ceiling was a large dome, which was always a source of wonder to the children. There were two doors to the meeting-house on the outside, and two to correspond to these on the inside. Around the front of the gallery extended an iron rod, upon which were sliding curtains, which could be closed or opened by the occupants of the lower tier of pews. The belfry never contained a bell, that in the Court House near by being used on Sundays to assemble the congregation. The Court House bell was the first bell ever placed upon any building in town, and was purchased by subscription. There was a lightning-rod upon the meeting-house, which rod for many years the daring youth of that period, regardless of danger to life or limb, were wont to ascend. Some of the companions of his youth still live, who will remember many an earnest conversation with the writer while he was seated upon the gilded ball above the bell-deck. Their conversation, it is perhaps needless to say, was usually of a serious turn, the lofty situation not being conducive to levity.

This meeting-house was, about 1855, taken down, and rebuilt at one of the Brunswick ship-yards for a boarding-house for the workmen. In 1875 this building was taken down and from the material a double house was erected on the lot on the west side of Union Street, at the corner of McKean Street, Brunswick.

The present CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-HOUSE was built in 1836. The meeting-house of the First Parish having passed into the hands of Unitarians, the Orthodox Congregationalists, who composed a majority of the *church* of the First Parish, united in building a new meeting-house. The following is a copy of the subscription paper which was signed by those who contributed to the erection of the new building:—

“Whereas the First Parish in Topsham, in the County of Lincoln and State of Maine, are destitute of a suitable and convenient house of worship, and the Congregational Church therewith connected and



others are contemplating purchasing a lot of land and erecting and completing a suitable and convenient house of public worship for the particular use and benefit of the Orthodox Congregational Church: and whereas in pursuance and in execution of an agreement heretofore made by us and others for this purpose, a committee has been raised and appointed, consisting of John Barron, Nahum Perkins, John Tebbetts, Alfred White, Hugh Patten, and Given Jameson, who have already purchased materials and made other purchases, contracts, and arrangements to carry into execution the purposes aforesaid:

“ Now know all persons that we whose names are hereto subscribed do hereby severally, each for himself and not for the others, covenant, engage, and agree to and with said committee and the survivors of them and their legal representatives to take the share or shares herein by us respectively subscribed for in said meeting house, and to pay to said committee or any one of them, or other agent by them appointed, our just and respective proportions of the cost and expenses of purchasing a lot and building a house as aforesaid; and we hereby authorize and empower said committee to go on with and complete the purchase of land and building a house aforesaid in such way and manner as they may think best, hereby ratifying and confirming whatever they may do in the premises.

“ Witness our hands and seals at Topsham this nineteenth day of October, A. D. 1836.

“ JOHN BARRON,	three shares.
NAHUM PERKINS,	“ “
JOHN TEBBETTS,	two “
ALFRED WHITE,	four “
HUGH PATTEN,	two “
ALFRED S. PERKINS,	“ “
STOCKBRIDGE HOWLAND,	“ “
WILLIS SPRAGUE,	“ “
LEMUEL THOMPSON,	“ “
MATHEW PATTEN,	one “
JOSEPH PATTEN,	“ “
JOSHUA FOY,	“ “
ISAAC L. COOK,	“ “
JOHN H. ALEXANDER,	“ “
JOHN B. LARRABEE,	two “
JOSEPH BARRON,	“ “
JAMES MCKEEN,	“ “
GIVEN JAMESON,	“ “
DAVID ALEXANDER,	one “
JAMES H. SANDFORD,	two “

“A true copy of the original.

“Attest :

“ISAAC P. TEBBETTS.”

The bell on this meeting-house was the gift of General Veazie. It cost about seven hundred dollars. Subsequently it was cracked and recast.

The first BAPTIST or “OLD YELLOW MEETING-HOUSE” was built in 1795. It was situated about two miles west of the village in the lot adjoining the old burying-ground. It was forty feet long and thirty feet wide. It was built chiefly by Joseph Haley, Captain Actor Patten, 1st, John Merrill, Pelatiah Haley, and James Purington. It was unused for many years, and was finally taken down, and rebuilt for a boarding-house at one of the ship-yards in Brunswick.

The BAPTIST VESTRY was built in 1819. It was situated opposite the village burying-ground, on the corner of the grounds now occupied by the Franklin Family School, and was built over the brook, which is still to be seen there. It was a long, low, one-story building without a steeple. In 1840 it was purchased by the town for a town-house, and was used as such for many years.

The present BAPTIST CHURCH was erected in 1835. The first meeting held in it was in May of that year. When first built and until 1870 there was a gallery over the porch; the pews were oblong with doors, and the pulpit was quite high. In 1870 the building was greatly improved both internally and externally, and it was enlarged by an addition of some five or six feet in front. The gallery and pulpit were taken down and a new pulpit erected, the pews were remodelled, and the building thoroughly repaired, at a cost of upwards of \$2,500. The bell on this church was purchased in 1836 by subscription, the larger portion of the cost being paid by Deacon David Scribner.

The FREE WILL BAPTIST MEETING-HOUSE was erected in 1837. The cost of the building was about \$3,000. It has been kept in good repair, but it remains to-day substantially as it was first built, having never been remodelled.

#### COURT HOUSE.

The Court House was built in the year 1800. It was situated about midway between the residence of Deacon David Scribner and the Franklin Family School building. The illustration shows the appearance of the building previous to 1835, at which time it was remodelled. In 1848, Topsham being no longer a half-shire town, the building was

sold to the proprietors of the Topsham Academy. It was again remodelled, and was used as an academy until a short time before its destruction by fire, which was on December 3, 1857.



COURT HOUSE.

#### TOWN-HOUSE.

In 1840 the town purchased of Joshua Haskell the Baptist vestry and lot for the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, and paid three hundred and seventy-five for finishing the building inside and outside, and also paid forty dollars for a stone drain, to secure the town-house and road from washing. This was the first and only town-house owned by the town, and its total cost was only six hundred and forty dollars. It was finally torn down in 1864, the town having made arrangements with the Sagadahoc Agricultural Society for the use of their hall for town-meetings.

#### OBSERVATORY.

An observatory was built upon Mount Ararat, at some time between 1830 and 1840. The project was started by the late Doctor James McKeen, and the structure was built by subscribers. The observatory was about fifty feet high. It was made of four trees, hewed, and set



up slanting. The trees were fastened together with joists and were boarded over. Inside, a flight of stairs led up to the "lantern" or standing-place, which was large enough for three or four persons to occupy it at one time. From this observatory a fine view of Casco Bay could be obtained, and sometimes the White Mountains could be seen from it. This structure remained standing some seven or eight years, when the stairs having become somewhat rotten, it was thought unsafe, and was consequently given to a poor man, who used a portion of the lumber for a pen for animals and the rest for firewood.

#### OTHER BUILDINGS.

The oldest house now standing in Topsham is probably the "OLD RED HOUSE," about two miles from the village on the road to Bowdoinham. Precisely when this house was built is not known, but it



"OLD RED HOUSE."

must have been previous to 1770, as it was at that time occupied by John Hunter as a tavern. The same grooved clapboards, split out by hand, which were originally used on it, are to be found on it to-day. The interior, finished in panel-work, is novel to those living in modern houses.

The FOSTER HOUSE on the "Foreside" road, near the Narrows, was built in 1775, or very soon after, by Mr. Joseph Foster. The door fastenings and hinges were picked up by him in Portland, at the time that town was burned in 1775, and were used in the house that he was then building.

The present MERRILL HOMESTEAD was erected in 1785 by John Merrill, and is yet in excellent condition. Previously to building this house, Merrill lived in a log-house, which was situated a short distance in the rear of the present building. The log-house was built in 1760.

The house now occupied by SWANZEY WILSON, situated on the Bowdoinham road, just beyond Cyrus Purington's, was built about 1794, by James Wilson, for Doctor Emerson, who occupied it for several years. After him, Doctor Parker lived in it for a few years.

Another very old residence is on the bay, or "Foreside" road, about three miles from the village. It is now occupied by WILLIAM DOUGLASS. Whether or not it is the original house first built on the place is uncertain. The original house was once barricaded for protection from the Indians.

Another of the old houses is the ROGERS HOMESTEAD, situated on the Bowdoinham road, about three miles from the village. The main house was erected about the year 1773, and was for some eight or ten years used as an inn. The huge chimney now standing, said to be the first brick one ever built in town, was put up by Mr. Andrew Whitehouse, a mason of the first order. His plastering upon the walls excited the admiration of all who came from far and near to see it. This house was afterwards made into a double tenement, and occupied by his son, the late Honorable George Rogers, and is now occupied by the family of the late George A. Rogers.

The house now owned and occupied by JAMES WILSON was built by his father, James Wilson, previous to 1792.

The COFFIN HOUSE, on Main Street, nearly opposite the old bank, was occupied by Francis Tucker as early as 1800, and for many years after. It was originally a one-story building, and Tucker added the second story when he converted it into a public house.

The MAJOR FROST HOUSE, now occupied as the FRANKLIN FAMILY SCHOOL-HOUSE, was built in 1806 by Captain Daniel Holden, the Freemasons paying largely toward defraying the expense for the privilege of having a lodge-room in it. Mr. Nathaniel Green kept a tavern in it, between 1831 and 1836, to accommodate persons attending court. Dancing-schools were often kept in the hall after it was vacated by the Freemasons. From Green's hands it passed to

Major William Frost. It was sold by the widow of the latter, in 1856, to Warren Johnson, who converted it into a boarding-school house.

The house now occupied by Daniel A. Hall, on Elm Street, was formerly the residence of Nathaniel Melcher, and was probably built previous to 1800.

The STOCKBRIDGE HOWLAND HOUSE, on Elm Street, was occupied by James Stone, father of the late Colonel Alfred J. Stone, in 1802. At the time of his residence there was open land, under cultivation, owned by Gideon Walker, to the north and east of it. The date of erection of this house, and by whom it was built, is not known.

What is known as the RACHEL PATTEN HOUSE was formerly occupied by Joseph Swett, who married a daughter of Captain Actor Patten. It was built as early as 1800.

The house now occupied by COLLINS PURINGTON, near the depot, was built in 1810, by Captain Ezekiel Purington. John Jameson was the master workman.

The CHARLES THOMPSON HOUSE, on Green Street, near its junction with Main Street, was built by Isaac Johnson, not far from the year 1800.

The PORTER HOUSE, on Elm Street, nearly opposite the graveyard, was built by Doctor Porter in 1802. When he moved to Camden in 1829 the house passed into the hands of Governor William King, who was his brother-in-law. While Governor King owned it, Mrs. Field occupied it for some years for a school. In 1843, Francis T. Purinton purchased it, and it has ever since been occupied by his family. It is on one of the best locations in town, and was, doubtless, at the time it was built and for many years thereafter, one of the finest homesteads in the village.

The WALKER HOMESTEAD, on the corner of Main and Elm Streets, was built, in 1809, by Major Nathaniel Walker, who was married and moved into it the following year, and resided there ever after until his death, in 1851. The French roof was placed upon it for a picture-gallery, in 1867, by the present proprietor, Colonel Wildes P. Walker. Other improvements were also made upon the outside, and to the grounds, which render it now one of the handsomest residences in town and an ornament to the village. The interior has been preserved substantially as it was originally built.

There are probably other houses in town as old as those mentioned, but nothing definite has been learned concerning them.



"WALKER HOMESTEAD," TOPSHAM, (Sagadahoc County,) MAINE.



## HARPSWELL.

**FORTS AND GARRISONS.** — The only fort ever constructed in Harpswell was made during the war of 1812, on the land now owned by Woodbury S. Purinton, at the mouth of New Meadows River. It was a simple earthwork, the foundation of which was made of logs. A mound of earth and a few decayed logs mark its location.

There was a garrison or block-house for defence against the Indians, on the north end of Bailey's Island. It was at the Narrows, between Garrison Cove and the main bay, within twenty feet of the shore. The stone foundations have been seen by some of the older inhabitants; but when the land was put under cultivation, all the stones were rolled over the bank, and there are now no traces of the garrison to be seen.

About 1764, Joseph Orr built a large block-house on the farm now owned by Bradbury Wilson. It stood near the middle of Orr's Island, on the northwest side of the hill, northwest of the present house. This block-house was standing within the memory of Captain James Sinnett, of Bailey's Island. There is now no trace of it to be discovered.

On the Neck, on the point of land now owned by Paul Stover, there was a block-house; by whom erected, or at what date, is not known. It was taken down by Daniel Randall and erected as a store-house, near his dwelling. In 1822 it was again taken down, and rebuilt as a dwelling, which is still standing.

It is quite probable that there were other block-houses or garrisons on the Neck, and also on Great Island, but these are all of which we have any account.

## CHURCHES.

The old meeting-house of the First Parish in this town was probably commenced about the year 1757 or 1759. Elisha Eaton, son of the Reverend Elisha Eaton, who was a carpenter living in Boston, wrote in his diary, August 7, 1757: —

“getting stuff for window frames and Sashes for Meeting house which is for North Yarmouth y<sup>e</sup> sec'd Parish.”

“Sept. 21. Caping window frames for meeting house.”

“1759 June 13th. Putting sashes on board y<sup>e</sup> vessel for Meeting house at Harpswell.”

“Octo. 6th, sail'd for Harpswell — arrived there y<sup>e</sup> 8th where I tarried until Nov. 27th.”

Although there is no proof, yet it is quite likely that Mr. Eaton worked upon the meeting-house during his stay in Harpswell, and probably put in the windows he had been so long at work upon.



From an examination of the town records it appears that this house was a long time in being completed. At a special meeting of the town, November 14, 1774, it was voted that the "Advance ground in the Galleries and seats in the same shall be for the use of the Parish, except the Pew in the Front of the Front Gallery, they (the members of the Parish) paying the cost of the Same." And it was also voted "to put in the glass wanting in the meeting-house, mend the putty, Prime the Sashes and window Frames."

At another meeting held the same year it was voted to lay a floor in the porch, build the stairs and doors in the porch, put up the breast-work in the galleries, and put in the seats there, and to mend the windows. Nothing further seems to have been done until June, 1781, when it was voted to shingle the "four side" of the meeting-house, and to hang the doors.

This completed the work on the church until January 16, 1792, when it was voted that there should be "four pews built in the body of the meeting-house on the Neck adjoining the pews now built, two on each side of the front alley," and that the money arising from the sale of the same should be expended in repairing the meeting-house. Also, that the pew ground should be sold at auction.

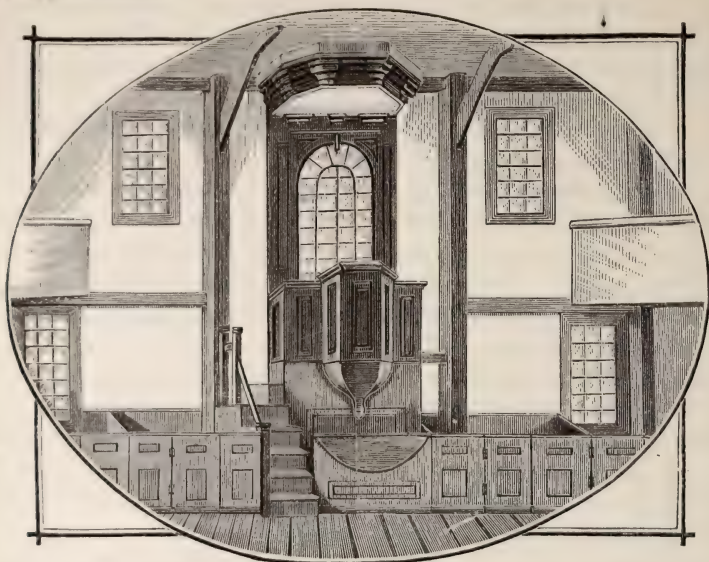
In November, 1797, the town voted to sell ten feet two inches of the pew space in each side gallery, the purchaser to pay two dollars down and the balance in ninety days, or forfeit the whole. At the sale, pew No. 5 was bid off to William Dunning, Jr., at twenty-one dollars; No. 4 to Walter Merryman, Jr., at twenty-five dollars; No. 3 to Joshua Bishop, at twenty-six dollars and fifty cents; and No. 2 to Aleck Stover at the same price.

This meeting-house was occupied by the First Parish until 1844. At a meeting of the parish held May 31, 1841, it was voted, "to take out the insides of the meeting-house, as far as necessary, take off the porch, turn the house round end to the road, and rebuild the inside of the house," and that Joseph Eaton be a committee to consult an architect and estimate the expense. It was also voted that the meeting house should not in future be used for town purposes, and that Eaton should inform the selectmen of this vote. At a meeting held July 5, the parish committee were instructed, in case the selectmen thought the town had a claim on the meeting-house, to refer the matter to some legal authority, and the committee were empowered to sue, and to defend the rights of the parish.

At a parish meeting, held March 26, 1842, it was voted to petition the District Court for leave to sell the meeting-house at private sale,



or otherwise, with or without the land on which it stood, as might be thought advisable.



The above illustration will convey a very good idea of the appearance of the pulpit and the pews on either side, and of the gallery and walls.

The last entry in the parish records is dated September 27, 1842. It was called in the legal manner, and a legal return was made upon the warrant, and was signed by the person who notified the members and by the parish clerk. For some reason, however, it was not deemed legal by some. The entry reads as follows:—

“ At a certain meeting purporting to be a meeting of the First Parish in Harpswell held on the 27, of Sept. 1842, and which was called by Washington Garcelon, Jus. Peace, issuing his warrant to Thomas Alexander, voted as follows—Thomas Alexander, Moderator; after which the meeting was objected to by a member of said Parish, in behalf of the Parish, and they refused to act, as being illegal on account of its not having been notified by said Alexander.

“ Voted, that a Committee of three be chosen to remonstrate at Court against the Meeting House being sold. Voted, Joshua Stover, Rufus Dunning and Simeon Stover 2d. be this committee. Voted, that this committee have power to call on papers and witnesses.

Voted, that John Stover be an agent to carry the remonstrance to Court. Voted to pass over the 3d article in the warrant [to see if the parish would repair the meeting-house]. Voted, that all votes passed on the 26th of March last, concerning the sale of the Meeting House, be rescinded. Voted, that the Meeting House be occupied as it has been. Voted, not to assess any money for the support of the Ministry. Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

“Attest.

“WILLIAM C. EATON,  
P. Clerk.”

After this date the meeting-house remained, for the most part, unused, until 1856, when it was taken possession of by the town as a town-house and selectmen's office.

This building, though probably one hundred and twenty years old, is still standing, and in use as a town-house, and is in a fair state of preservation. The boards, an inch and a half thick, and the birch bark covering the cracks beneath the clapboards, are still to be seen in it, as well as the curious hinges and the original hand-made nails.

The old meeting-house of the First Parish, on Great Island, was built about 1770, and was taken down in 1843. It was similar, both externally and internally, to the old meeting-house on the Neck, and does not, therefore, require further description.

THE CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-HOUSE on Harpswell Neck, directly opposite the old First Parish Meeting-House, was built in 1843. It was built by individuals who entered into the following agreement: —

“We the subscribers being desirous to have a meeting-house built in the vicinity of the old meeting-house on Harpswell Neck, to be ever owned, managed, and conducted by the Congregational Society in Harpswell, with the privilege of its being occupied by others holding evangelical sentiments, at the request of any pew-holder, when not occupied by the said Congregational Society. To contain about forty pews, with a belfry and steeple, and to be of such dimensions as the building committee and some experienced joiner shall deem best.

“And we hereby agree to take the number of pews set against our names, and to pay the assessments as agreed upon at any regular meeting of said subscribers, the first meeting to be called by the building committee or any three of the subscribers, to choose such officers and

make such regulations as said meeting may think proper, and to determine the manner of calling future meetings. And the building committee to be Silvester Stover, Clement Martin, and James Stover. And all who can conveniently, to pay in to the Building Committee.

.. Silvester Stover . . . . .	10 pews.
Joseph Stover . . . . .	1 "
Dominicus Jordan . . . . .	1 "
George S. Dunning . . . . .	1 "
James Stover . . . . .	1 "
Isaac Dunning . . . . .	1 "
William Barnes . . . . .	2 "
Joseph Eaton . . . . .	1 "
Jacob Merryman . . . . .	1 "
William C. Eaton . . . . .	1 "
Hugh Farr . . . . .	1 "
Elisha Allen, Jr. . . . .	1 "
Abraham Allen . . . . .	1 "
James Dunning . . . . .	1 "
Simeon Orr . . . . .	1 "
Richard Orr, Jr. . . . .	1 "
Stephen Sinnet, Jr. . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
Michael Sinnet . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
Norton Stover, 2d . . . . .	1 "
Clement Martin . . . . .	3 "
George R. Skolfield . . . . .	1 "
Daniel Randall . . . . .	1 "
George Skolfield . . . . .	1 "
Mary Skolfield . . . . .	1 " "

At their first meeting the foregoing proprietors voted to purchase three sixteenths of an acre of land of Elisha Stover, for the meeting-house lot. At another meeting of the same, held June 30, it was voted, in explanation of one clause of their agreement, "that when the meeting-house is not supplied by Congregational preaching, it shall be opened on the Sabbath under the direction of the committee or agent having charge of it, and at the request of one or more pew-holders, for preaching by other authorized ministers in regular standing, holding the sentiments commonly called Evangelical, such as the atonement, regeneration, the special influences of the Holy Spirit,



and future retribution. But for preachers of other sentiments than those referred to, and for all other public occasions and uses whatever, it cannot be opened except in the usual way, viz., by the committee or agent acting under the direction of the Congregational Society." It was also voted at this meeting that Joseph Eaton, George R. Skolfield, and George S. Dunning be a committee to take measures in regard to forming a new parish, whenever it should be thought expedient. At a meeting of the proprietors, held September 25, George R. Skolfield, James Stover, and Daniel Randall were chosen a committee of arrangements for the dedication. It was also voted, "That we, the proprietors of the new meeting-house *recently built* on Harpswell Neck, do hereby convey and transfer to the Centre Congregational Parish in Harpswell when formed, all our right, title, and interest in and to said meeting-house, authorizing said parish to give deeds of conveyance to any persons who may purchase pews in said house, and to do such other acts as may be legally done by parishes in respect to meeting-houses."

THE UNION MEETING-HOUSE on Harpswell Neck was built in 1841, and was dedicated by the Universalists on the twenty-first of September of the same year. It is situated near the academy in North Harpswell.

THE METHODIST CHURCH on Harpswell Neck was erected in 1854-5. Work upon the building was commenced in October, 1854, when there were but seven members in the society, which was then under the pastoral charge of Reverend George C. Crawford. Captains Norton Stover and Nathaniel Pinkham assumed the entire pecuniary responsibility. The building was dedicated May 17, 1855, and on that day the pews were sold. The cost of the building was about \$4,000.

THE ORR'S ISLAND MEETING-HOUSE, the first and only one ever built on that island, was erected in 1855, and is occupied one quarter of the time each by the Methodists, Free Baptists, Calvinist Baptists, and Congregationalists. The original owners were members of the three churches on Harpswell Neck. A Free Baptist Church was organized after the building was erected, and the above arrangement as to meetings was made.

#### OTHER BUILDINGS.

Probably the oldest house now standing on Harpswell Neck is the one occupied by Horatio Toothaker. It is situated a short distance

east of the academy. It is a large, square-roofed house, and was built by Deacon Andrew Dunning in 1757.



THE ANDREW DUNNING HOUSE.

The house now owned by Paul Randall, which is set in from the road a short distance below the Baptist meeting-house, at Harpswell Centre, is of about the same age as the preceding, but the precise date of its erection cannot be ascertained.

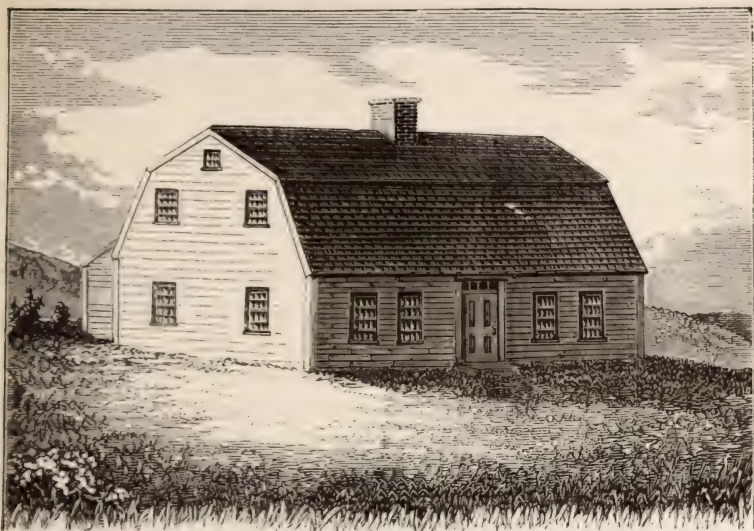
The first *framed* house on Sebasco-digan Island was erected in May, 1764, by Colonel Nathaniel Purinton. It was a large two-story house. This house was taken down in 1850 and another erected in its place, but the barn, which was built the same year as the old house, is now standing, and has been in constant use for one hundred and twelve years.

About 1767, Reverend Samuel Veasey built a large two-story house on the lot a few rods northwest of the burying-ground on this island, which was afterwards sold to Captain Isaac Rich, and was occupied by his descendants until within a few years. It has recently been taken down.

About 1766 a one-story house was built on this island, near Cond's Harbor, by James Eastman. It is still standing, and is now occupied by Mrs. Adaline Elliott.

The oldest house on Orr's Island and the *oldest in the town* is undoubtedly that built by JOSEPH ORR. It is situated on a point of

land about one half mile northwest of the middle of the island, and was probably erected about 1756. The sills are ten inches and the



beams eight inches in diameter. This house is now owned and occupied by Bradbury and Elbridge Wilson.

Another old house on this island is that built by MICHAEL SINNETT. It was probably erected about 1777 or 1787.

It is not unlikely that there are other very old houses still standing in Harpswell. A lack of personal knowledge of the town, however, and the great difficulty there is in determining the age of a building concerning which there is no documentary evidence, prevents us from mentioning others.



## CHAPTER XXV.

## INTERESTING RELICS IN BRUNSWICK, TOPSHAM, AND HARPSWELL.

## IN BRUNSWICK.

THE relics that will be mentioned in this chapter are of articles that originally belonged in this vicinity or that were brought here by the early settlers.

The christening basin of Robert Jordan, son of Reverend Robert Jordan who came to this country in 1640, was in the Jordan family in this town until 1854 or 1855, when it was sold to Honorable Seth Storer of Scarborough. This basin was made of finely wrought brass, and was probably purchased about the year 1640 or 1650.

A book entitled "Burkett's Commentary on the New Testament," which is said to have been brought over to this country in 1640 by Reverend Robert Jordan, is in the possession of Mrs. Narcissa Jordan, of Bath.

Honorable Charles J. Gilman has, in a fair state of preservation, a Bible once owned by Reverend Robert Dunlap. It was printed in 1698. He also has a silver mug, of about a quart in size, which was the property of Captain John Dunlap, and is now over a hundred years old. It is of solid silver and very heavy. It was used for drinking flip.

The late Doctor John D. Lincoln had the first silver dollar ever owned by his grandfather, Captain John Dunlap, who is said to have been at his death the richest man in Maine. The doctor had also a silver flagon with the arms of the Toppan family engraved upon it, which was the property of his grandmother Dunlap, and is upwards of one hundred years old. He had also a fire-fender which once belonged to General Knox, and which is an elegant article. The doctor had also a collection of coins which is one of the finest collections in the State.

There is in possession of the Woodside family a portrait of Reverend James Woodside, who preached in Brunswick in 1719. It bears date "1726, by Gibson."

The hat-box of William Woodside and a brass warming-pan once owned by him are now in the possession of the Woodside family. The hat-box is triangular in shape, each side being eighteen inches long, and the depth of the box is six inches. The box is covered with a figured paper, and is lined with newspapers bearing the date 1761. It was made to contain the triangular hat which Woodside used to wear.

The church of the First Parish in Brunswick has in its possession nine pieces of sacramental plate, which were given to the church in 1737. Of these are two flagons, upon one of which is inscribed, "*Gift of Benjamin Larrabee Esquire, 1737*"; and upon the other, "*Gift of Capt. John Minot, Esq. 1737, To the Church of Christ in Brunswick.*" The other pieces are three plates and four cups.

Two pewter plates, a part of the wedding outfit of William and Mary Sylvester, who were married in 1736, and who moved to Harpswell soon after, are now in the possession of Mrs. George E. Springer, of Brunswick, who is their great-granddaughter. Mrs. Springer has also a wooden candlestick, made by Mr. Sylvester with a jackknife. It consists of a wooden shaft about four feet high, an inch and a half in diameter at the bottom and for half its length, the upper half being about three fourths of an inch in diameter, and is cut like a screw. Upon this staff a cross-arm screws up and down. At each end of the cross-arm there is a socket for a candle, the screw allowing the candles to be raised or lowered as desired.

In possession of the Maine Historical Society is the gun which was captured from an Indian in 1725 by James Cochran.

Mr. Chapin Weston has a basket made by his great-grandfather, Jacob Weston, in 1775. It is what was called a *bottle basket*, being made of the right shape and size to carry a large bottle. The dimensions are twelve inches deep, and six inches square across the top, tapering slightly towards the bottom. It is made of white-oak strips, and the handle is made without a splice. It is a nice piece of workmanship, and must have been a convenient article in the days when a *bottle* was carried wherever one went. It might also have served in the place of the modern canteen. Mr. Weston also has a three-dollar bill, Continental money, dated 1777, it being a part of what was paid Jacob Weston for his services as a private in the Revolution.

Mr. Samuel Adams, of Bowdoinham, has in his possession a blank book which was used for arithmetical problems by Samuel Adams, who was a private in Captain White's company, of Brunswick, in Washington's army, while encamped at Valley Forge. The cover is

made of a piece of his tent cloth, and the strings were torn from a piece of cloth of which his breeches were made.

Theodore S. McLellan, of Brunswick, has an axe which was made by Thomas Stone about the year 1795.

T. M. Giveen, Esquire, has a very formidable club, which, it is said, was years ago taken from a "yagger"<sup>1</sup> during a conflict with the students. It is of hard wood, sixteen inches in length and about an inch and a half in diameter. At one end is a huge knot, into which a hole was bored and filled with lead. Nails were also driven into this end of the club and filed off, leaving sharp points about half an inch in length. There are four of these iron points. At the opposite end a groove was cut, to which a cord was tied. In the hands of a strong man, this club would be a deadly weapon.

#### IN TOPSHAM.

Mr. David Work has several relics. Among them are two small, leaf-shaped dishes which belonged to "Skipper" Malcom, and are now one hundred and ten years old. They were probably used to hold the snuffings of the candles. He has also a table-plate of the "Skipper's." He has, too, a cup and saucer which belonged to Mrs. William Randall, and are now more than one hundred and ten years old. He has also a pewter spoon and an iron fork which he dug out of the cellar of the house in which Doctor Philip G. Hoyt once resided. The supposed age of these latter relics is ninety years.

A candlestick purchased in Boston in 1770, by Brigadier Samuel Thompson, is now the property of Mrs. Robert Tate. The base is of marble surmounted by two bronze statuettes holding the brass socket for the candle. It was doubtless considered, at the time it was purchased, a handsome and valuable article.

Mr. James F. Mustard has a gun of French manufacture, which is supposed to be over one hundred years old, and a pair of saddle-bags of about the same age.

The late Mr. Rufus Rogers had quite a number of Indian relics, such as tomahawks, arrow-heads, stone tools, etc., which are now in the possession of the Maine Historical Society.

An Indian tomahawk was dug up in 1863 in a field near the house of William Sprague.

Several cannon-balls — four-pounders — have been dug up in Mr.

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<sup>1</sup> The name applied by the college students to the rowdies who lived at the north end of the town. The word is probably a corruption of the German *Yäger*, meaning a hunter.



James Wilson's field adjoining his house, where was once a block-house. Various Indian relics have also been dug up there.

There is in the possession of Mrs. Samuel Douglass a set of silver sleeve-buttons which were worn by Captain John Rogers at his wedding, about the year 1775.

Mr. W. W. Patten has a foot-stove which was used early in this century, and perhaps previously, for keeping the feet warm "in meeting." It is made of perforated tin, in which were placed live coals, the tin being encased in a wooden frame. It is about nine or ten inches square. Probably there are quite a number of other foot-stoves in existence in this vicinity, but this is the only one we have seen.

The family of Major Joshua Haskell have in their possession the arms and equipments which he used while in service in the war of 1812.

#### IN HARPSWELL.

Owing to a lack of personal acquaintance with many of the citizens of Harpswell, and to the scattered situation of its inhabitants, it has not been found practicable to obtain accounts of many of the relics which are doubtless preserved in private families as heirlooms.

A sword once owned by Captain Johnson Harmon, a hero of the Indian wars in the early part of the last century, and which was probably worn by him in his attacks upon the Indians, is now the property of Captain A. C. Stover. It is straight, single-edged, with a deer engraved on each side of the blade, about six inches from the hilt. The handle is of buck-horn.

Mr. David S. Dunning, of Portland, formerly of Harpswell, has a little pocket-compass which Captain Andrew Dunning bought of a French prisoner, whom he was conveying from Quebec to Virginia shortly after the capture of Quebec in 1759.

Mr. Stephen Purinton, of Harpswell, has a warming-pan which was once the property of the wife of John Merrill, Esquire, of Topsham. Its age is not known, but it is probably over a hundred years old.

The sword of Nathaniel Purinton, of Harpswell, an officer in the Revolution, is now in the possession of Charles E. Purinton, of Bowdoinham.

Mr. Stephen Purinton has a stone gouge which he found on a shell-bank on his premises. It is of hard sandstone, and is about five inches long by two and a half broad. Quite a number of *flint* arrow-heads have been dug up in this vicinity.

There is in the possession of James E. Skolfield a part of a gun and

a knife which were ploughed out where a house is supposed to have once stood, though there is no account, traditional or otherwise, of any resident at that place.

Mr. Skolfield's wife has also a salt-cellar, in good condition, in the shape of an oak-leaf, which is over one hundred years old.

There is in the family of Charles N. Leavitt a white earthen plate which was his great-grandmother's. It is over one hundred and fifty years old. The picture on the plate is a representation of a party at a festival in the cabin of a vessel. Under it are the words, "The Captains Cabin." It is really a fine thing.

Thomas S. Skolfield has a gun which formerly belonged to Thomas Spear. It was given to Skolfield by Spear more than seventy years ago, and is supposed to be about two hundred years old.

The following account of the discovery in Harpswell of an old Indian burying-ground, with some curious ornaments found on or near some of the skeletons, is taken from some notes written by the late Reverend Edward Ballard, D. D.

On May 24, 1861, seven skeletons, evidently Indian, were thrown up by the ploughshare on the farm of Mr. Henry Barnes, on the eastern side of Middle Bay, near the shore. They were about twelve or fifteen inches below the surface of the ground, and lay in the direction of northeast and southwest. In the ground near these skeletons were found the following ornaments:—

1. Three copper tubes, a little less than half an inch in diameter, one being over a foot long. One of these was filled with decayed twisted bark, which was probably used as a cord. Four others were found that were only two inches in length, and a little more than an eighth of an inch in diameter. They were attached in couples, as pendants, to two strings of prepared deer-skin, which were curiously knotted at their point of union.

2. Four other specimens were found, made of the same thin copper, but of a conical shape, nearly three inches in length, half an inch at the base, and tapering to a quarter of an inch at the top, which were unattached when found.

3. Two flat thin pieces of brass, about two and three quarter inches long, triangular, more than an inch and a half broad at the base, and diminishing to about a quarter of an inch at the top, where they were rounded, and had a hole showing them to have been designed as pendants.

4. More than sixty white shell beads, each a fourth of an inch long and a little less than an eighth of an inch in diameter, were

gathered from the same spot. A spiral groove around the sides showed that they were made from the shell-fish which the Indians called "Quohock" (*Venus mercenaria*).

"A shell furnished only one grooved bead, which was taken from the thickest part near the hinge and rubbed down on sandstones to the proper length and thickness, and in order to preserve the size necessarily leaving the groove where the ligament was attached, that secured the shells at the hinges. Two of these beads were slightly colored, and somewhat smaller, plainly showing, however, they were taken from the edge nearest the anterior portion of the shell. Between each of the beads were thin circular plates of dark purple shell, perforated, and appearing to have been made of the thin part of the same shell. They were called 'Suckanhocks,' and were twice the value of the white. Both kinds were used as money, and also for the decoration of the necks of the wives and children of the Indians. On the same skeleton where these various ornaments were discovered, was a portion of hair well preserved, somewhat long, and gathered in a wrapper in the best state of preservation about the neck, made of braided bark, like basket-work, which soon fell to pieces when brought into the air."

One of the remaining skeletons was that of a child about eight years old. The other four were those of adults, and were buried at short distances from each other, with no regularity, except in the similarity of the direction of their graves. They presented no objects of interest beyond the fact of their discovery. Two iron axes of European manufacture, ground for use, were found on the same day by means of the plough, at a short distance from the skeleton, on the same swell. They have no head above the eye.

"Axes of similar shape, with long handles for bush and branch work, are still in use among the Micmacs. These implements, however, may have been lost on the place by the first settler, whose name was MacNess, and who occupied the shore with two dwellings about two hundred years ago, of which the places are indicated by the cellars, which were deep, at the distance of two or three rods from the deposit of the relics."



## CHAPTER XXVI.

## MILITARY HISTORY OF THE THREE TOWNS.

AN account has already been given, in Part I, of the several engagements that occurred in this vicinity during the period of the Indian wars, and of the troops that were stationed here, and a list, necessarily incomplete, of the soldiers from these towns will be given in the Appendix. This chapter goes no further back than the war of the Revolution and the events immediately preceding it.

For some years preceding the actual commencement of hostilities the danger of a conflict between the colonies and the mother country had been anticipated in each of the towns whose history is being narrated, and Committees of Safety and of Correspondence were established in all three of them. As to what particular acts were done by those committees but little is known, as no records appear to have been kept by them. It is known, however, that they kept up a correspondence with similar committees of other towns, more especially with Boston and the larger places, and were thus made seasonably acquainted with the condition of affairs over the whole country.

The earliest movement of a military character, in this immediate vicinity, having any bearing upon the subsequent war, was in 1774. This year the supply of powder in each town was increased, patriotic speeches were frequently made by public speakers, and nearly all able-bodied men were engaged in studying the manual of arms and practising the drill. Some time during this year, Reverend Jacob Bailey, of Pownalboro', noted for his Tory proclivities, was stopped at Stone's tavern, in Brunswick, on his way home from the westward. He was accused of being a Tory and was urged to sign "the League." On his refusal he was allowed to depart, but was notified that he would be visited at his home the next week.<sup>1</sup>

[1775.] On April 19, 1775, commenced the opening struggle of the Revolution, at Lexington. It took but a few days for the news to

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<sup>1</sup> *North, History of Augusta, p. 119.*

reach Brunswick and arouse its inhabitants. A town meeting was called by the selectmen, who issued the following warrant for its assembling:—

“CUMBERLAND SS.

“TO THE CONSTABLE OR CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK,

“GREETING;

“You are hereby required forthwith to warn all the inhabitants of the said town of Brunswick, qualified to bear arms, to meet at the west meeting-house in said Brunswick, on Thursday, the 27th inst. at ten o'clock in the forenoon, with their guns and what ammunition they have, in order that it may be known the state of the town for defence; and to determine what measures shall be gone into by the town to furnish materials for defence against any enemy that may invade it, and to act and do everything necessary for security in this alarming situation of affairs.

“Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of April, A. D. 1775.

“NATHANIEL LARRABEE,

THOMAS MOULTON,

*Selectmen of Brunswick.”*

This meeting “was fully attended and was remarkable for its great solemnity. All seemed deeply impressed with the magnitude of the dangers which were hanging over them and the importance of preserving order and tranquillity. There were some who breathed nothing but war and revenge on Great Britain, but who, when the crisis came, when the burden of the contest was falling heavily upon the citizens, when soldiers, provisions, clothing, and money were wanted and must be furnished by the town, moved with their families from town into the woods—now Durham and Lisbon—and escaped the heat and burden of the war. It was said that twenty moved from Brunswick at this time to be out of harm’s way and save paying taxes. The Quakers settled in Durham about this time from a different motive. Lemuel Jones, falling into Brunswick, suffered his property to be distrained in the payment of war taxes, as did others of the Quakers.<sup>1</sup>”

Upon the reception of the news of the battle of Lexington, Captain Lithgow and Lieutenant George White, of Topsham, at once commenced to collect a company of soldiers, and were very successful. This company went to Portland and were, under the orders of Colonel

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, in Brunswick Telegraph, July 1, 1854.*

Mitchell, put at work erecting a fort.<sup>1</sup> They were discharged in November, and many of them re-enlisted under White, who was then a captain, and who, the same year, was made major of the regiment of which Samuel McCobb, of Georgetown, was colonel, and Dummer Sewall, of the same town, now Bath, was lieutenant-colonel. This regiment was ordered to join the army under Washington, at Cambridge. In 1776 it was ordered to Rhode Island.

In the latter part of April, 1775. Captain Nathaniel Larrabee and Lieutenant Isaac Snow went to Condy's Harbor, at Harpswell, with a company of men from Brunswick and Harpswell. They were employed in erecting a fort there and in building barracks. They had two "wall-pieces," that were brought from Fort Halifax, and two swivels. A wall-piece was stocked, like a gun, with a lock. It was ten or twelve feet long, with a bore of two and one half inches. It would send twenty musket-balls across to Bear Island, over a mile distant. This company remained here until Christmas, and during their stay the British appeared off the harbor several times and fired at them. The fire was returned with these wall-pieces. Three days after the burning of Portland, which occurred October 18, this company was ordered to Portland, and were employed for two weeks, under Colonel Finney, in building a fort on Munjoy's Neck. They then returned to Sebasco digan Island. These men were not regular troops, but were "minute-men."<sup>2</sup>

On the twenty-ninth of April, the following account of the state of affairs in this vicinity was written by Brigadier Thompson. The letter bears no address, but was probably directed to the governor of the Massachusetts Colony:—

"I this minute have an opportunity to Informe you of the State of our affairs at the Eastward; that we are all Stanch for County's Except three men and one of them is Deserted, the other two is in Iorns; as for the vessels which attempted to Convey Stuff to our enemies are stop<sup>d</sup> and I am about to move about two hundred of white pine masts and other Stuff got for our Enemies use. Sir, haveing heard of the Cruill murders they have dun in our Province, makes us more Resolute than ever and, finding that the Sword is drawn first on their side, that we shall be animated with that noble Spirit that wise men ought to be, until our Just Rights and Libertys are Secured to us. Sir, my heart is with every tru Son of America, tho my Person can be in but one place at once, tho very soon I hope to be with you on the spot.

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*



if any of my Friends enquires after me, Inform them that I make it my whole business to persue those measures Recommended by the Congresses; we being uppon the Sea Coast and in danger of being invaded by Piriats — as the 27th of inst. there was a boat or barge came in to our harbour and River, and sounding as they went up the river. Sir, as powder and guns is much wanted in this Eastern Parts and also Provisions, Pray Sir have your thoughts something on this matter against I arrive, which will be as soon as busnes will admit. Sir, I am, with the greatest Regard to the Country, at heart your Ready friend and Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

“SAMUEL THOMPSON.<sup>1</sup>”

“BRUNSWICK, April ye 29th, 1775.”

Some time in June following, Captain Philip C. Randall, of Harpswell, on his way to Salem in his vessel, was forcibly taken therefrom by an armed vessel and carried to Boston.<sup>2</sup>

About the same time Robert Fulton, John and William Patten, Thomas Harward, Joseph Berry, and David Fowler, from Topsham, went in a vessel to the mouth of the Androscoggin for hay, and were taken by the English and carried to England. Robert Fulton and William Patten died there; the others returned.

At the annual meeting this year the town of Brunswick passed the following resolution: —

“*Voted*, That if a number of men out of this town shall list as minute-men, and should they be engaged in the defence of our lives, shall receive from the town eight dollars each as a bounty. If any others than such as list shall be equally engaged shall receive an equal bounty if they are legally called and should march, and Providence should order it that there should be an engagement, they are entitled to the above bounty.

“Each man that lists as minute-man to meet three times a week, and to spend three hours each time to learn the manual exercise, and in consideration for such service shall be paid by the town two shillings eight pence per week.

“Such as do not list as minute-men shall meet once a fortnight and spend half a day in learning the manual exercise, and shall be allowed one shilling and four pence for each time they meet.”

After the business of this meeting was concluded, Reverend Samuel Eaton, of Harpswell, who was present at the meeting, was invited to

<sup>1</sup> *Military Records in Massachusetts Archives.*

<sup>2</sup> *Goold, Burning of Falmouth, p. 11.*

address the people. He did so and made a stirring and eloquent appeal to their patriotism. He so aroused the spirit and temper of the people, that, carried away by excitement, several of them, under the lead of the chairman of the meeting, Brigadier Thompson, seized Mr. Vincent Woodside, one of the most prominent and outspoken opposers, who held a commission under the king, and attempted to force him to renounce British rule. Finding that they could not intimidate him by threats, they even proceeded to bury him alive, and had succeeded so far as to cover all but his head with earth, when they were prevented by the interposition of a few resolute and considerate persons from carrying their murderous design into execution. After Woodside's escape, the mob, for such it was, went to Mr. Ross's house and to Andrew Dunning's, but found them both absent. They spoiled a lot of the king's masts that were in a lumber-yard near the present First National Bank. The king's agents, Messrs. Perry and Barnard, had, however, gone to Georgetown. They then went to Topsham, and seized Mr. Thomas Wilson, whom they considered a Tory, though strictly speaking he was not one, handcuffed him and carried him over to Benjamin Stone's. One of his daughters followed him, got his handcuffs off and threw them away. He escaped and returned home.<sup>1</sup>

At the close of a town-meeting in Topsham, called to pass resolutions in favor of a separation of the colonies from Great Britain, Mr. Wilson voted against them. He did so, not because he favored the course pursued by Great Britain, but because he believed too strongly in the power of that kingdom to subdue the rebellious colonies. Brigadier Samuel Thompson was much offended at the vote of Mr. Wilson and at the opinions expressed by him, denounced him as a Tory, and at one time meditated an attack upon him, and even went so far as to collect men together at Mr. Wilson's gate. A portion of the people went with Thompson to show their dislike, but the steadier portion of the community concluded that a *tailor* would be too great a loss if he should be driven away, and therefore induced the others to withdraw.

The hostility thus engendered between the Wilson family and Mr. Thompson was very intense, and each party had its sympathizers and supporters. John Merrill, Pelatiah Haley, Actor Patten, and Alexander Rogers favored Mr. Wilson, while Mr. James Purington was for the side of the brigadier. The older citizens of Topsham were not far from being equally divided in taking sides, though there was prob-

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<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

ably a slight preponderance of public sentiment in favor of the brigadier. The new-comers, however, were for the most part in sympathy with Mr. Wilson. Such men as Merrill and Haley, although they thought the struggle with the mother country would probably be decided against them, yet energetically sustained the action of their fellow-countrymen. Mr. Wilson himself disclaimed the existence of any unpatriotic sentiments, and above all scouted the name of Tory. The brigadier, however, was of too fiery a temperament to be easily appeased, and continued hurling his "gall-bladder invectives" against all who failed to come up to his standard of patriotism. Some lines were written by Mr. Wilson's wife shortly after the intended attack upon him. They were designed chiefly as a satire upon General Thompson. They were as follows:—

"There was a man in our town,  
I'll tell you his condition,  
He sold his oxen and his corn,  
And bought him a Commission.

"A Commission thus he did obtain,  
But soon he got a coward's name,  
At Bunker ne'er shewed he his face,  
Nor there his country's fame disgrace.

"He came one day to the tailor's gate,  
And there his men assemble,  
Who with his needles and his shears,  
He made them all to tremble.

"Some said they were all brave men,  
Some said that they could fight, sir,  
But all of them were made to run,  
And that by the tailor's wife, sir."<sup>1</sup>

In May, 1775, occurred what is locally known as "THOMPSON'S WAR."

For some weeks previously Colonel Samuel Thompson, Colonel Purinton, Captain John Simmons, Aaron Hinkley, Esquire, John Merrill, Esquire, Thomas Thompson, and James Potter had been holding secret meetings at the house of Aaron Hinkley, and had concocted a plan, first suggested by Colonel Thompson, of seizing the British war-ship *Canceau*, commanded by Captain Henry Mowatt.

Samuel Thompson was chosen colonel, and John Merrill and

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<sup>1</sup> *Diary of James McKeen, M. D.*



Thomas Thompson were chosen captains. Captain John Simmons was appointed commodore. To prevent a premature disclosure of their plans, all the roads leading to Portland were closely guarded and none allowed to pass unless sworn to secrecy. Notwithstanding this, some intimation of their design reached Mowatt's ears. The original plan was to procure a vessel of sufficient size to carry a company of some sixty or seventy men; to disguise the vessel as a wood-coaster; to conceal the men in the hold; sail for Portland in the night, go alongside of the *Canceau* and board her immediately. The rendezvous was to be New Meadows. The disclosure of the plan altered their arrangements somewhat, but did not deter them from their design. They sailed from New Meadows on the night of May 8th, and landed on the morning of the 9th in a grove of thick trees, at a place called Sandy Point. There were about fifty armed men, each wearing in his hat a small bough of spruce. Their standard was a spruce pole with the green top left on. Sentinels were posted around their camp, and several persons who chanced to pass that way were seized and detained. Pelatiah Haley was sent into town to obtain whatever information he might be able. About one o'clock in the afternoon, Captain John Merrill, with two of the sentinels, while walking near the shore, saw Captain Mowatt with Reverend Mr. Wiswall, of St. Paul's Church, and his surgeon, land at Clay Cove, and walk up the hill. They compelled them to surrender, and immediately sent for General Thompson to receive Mowatt's sword. This he did, but returned it immediately. A number of prominent citizens of Falmouth visited the camp and urged the release of the prisoners. The "Spruce Company" were inflexible, but as night was approaching they concluded to march their prisoners to Marston's tavern. About nine o'clock the prisoners were released on a promise to return the next morning, General Preble and Colonel Freeman pledging themselves for them. The prisoners, however, did not keep good their promise. The company left on Friday. There were other companies joined them while in Falmouth, and some misdeeds were committed by soldiers, but there is no positive evidence that it was by Thompson's men. On their return they took back some boats belonging to Mowatt. When about leaving it is said that they were considerably alarmed at the approach of a fishing-smack belonging in North Yarmouth, which they erroneously supposed to be a vessel sent out by Mowatt to capture them.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gould. *McKeen, from a survivor.*

This attack of Thompson and his men has been pretty harshly criticised, but however premature it may have been, it was, in a measure, successful, and had he been properly seconded by the citizens of Falmouth no doubt the *Canceau* would have fallen into their hands. A year later and it would have proved a success.

The soldiers under Thompson's command were mostly young adventurers, who afterwards enlisted under command of Captain James Curtis, were employed for some time at Condy's Harbor, were then sent to Cambridge, and were afterwards sent to Camden, N. J.

Tradition says that at this time the British made the threat that they would breakfast in Portland and dine at Harpswell, and that the citizens of the latter place had their oxen all yoked, and ready, if they saw the British coming, to take their goods and go into the woods.

In September of this year, Reverend John Miller relinquished £30 of his salary for the ensuing year, on account of the "public distresses." John Farren, the school-master, in like manner gave up £15 6s. 8d. of his salary; and two of the selectmen, viz., Thomas Skolfield and Nathaniel Larrabee, agreed to serve without compensation. About this time Captains Dunning, of Brunswick, and Hunter, of Topsham, with nineteen men from their independent companies, carried stores from Merrymeeting Bay to Forts Western and Halifax, on the Kennebec, in gondolas, serving twenty-one days.<sup>1</sup>

In October or November, a number of Arnold's men from the expedition to Canada, who were brought back sick, were quartered by the selectmen in different parts of the town, some of them at the house of Mr. Joseph Morse, on the Maquoit road.

Some of the inhabitants, unwilling to attack Mr. Thomas Wilson, of Topsham, a second time themselves, took advantage of the presence of these men in town to instigate some fifteen or twenty of them to go over to his house, and furnished them with boats for this purpose. On the Topsham shore they halted and loaded their guns. Mr. Wilson, who had been watching them, met them pleasantly, invited them to his house to rest, and asked them to breakfast. They spent an hour relating their sufferings while on the expedition, and after thanking Mr. Wilson for his courtesies, returned, assuring those who sent them that Mr. Wilson was too worthy a man to be so grossly insulted.

Mr. Wilson's patriotism was, however, suspected, and he was, either previously or soon after the incident just related, attacked by a mob, captured, loaded with chains, and carried to New Meadows.

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<sup>1</sup> *North, History of Augusta.*

The mob kept him a prisoner but a short time, but insulted him grossly, and filling his wig with tar, placed it upon his head and sent him home. He made no resistance and showed no resentment.<sup>1</sup>

In the Provincial Congress of this year, a letter was read from a Mr. Barber, containing the statement that one Mr. Perry was in this part of the country endeavoring to obtain masts, spars, and timber for the use of the enemy, and Colonel Thompson was desired "immediately to repair to Brunswick, Casco Bay, Woolwich, Georgetown, and other places, and to take the most effectual measures to acquaint the people" with the fact, "and to make use of all proper and effectual measures to prevent their aiding him in procuring said articles."<sup>2</sup> According to McKeen, Parry was seized, and sent a prisoner to Sturbridge.

About this same time the Committees of Safety and Correspondence for the towns of Brunswick, Bowdoinham, and Topsham reported to the General Court of Massachusetts that, learning that nine vessels had arrived in the Kennebec and its tributaries, and were collecting firewood, butter, and other articles, they had considered it their duty to inquire into the legality of their proceedings. They found that these vessels had clearances from that part only of the port of Boston called Nantucket, and were acting without the consent of any committee whatever, which was in direct conflict with a Resolve of Congress of June 9th of that year. The committee, therefore, finding by the confession of the one in charge of these vessels that they had no proper license, and that all the authority they had was a permit from Samuel Goodwin and Samuel Emerson, two of the Committee of Safety for the town of Pownalborough, to sail out of the river, not considering this permit legal, had ordered the vessels to be stopped and hauled up. The House of Representatives, on receipt of the above report, passed a resolve that the committees had done rightly, and directed them to allow the vessels mentioned to return to Nantucket with such necessaries as they could procure, *provided* that each master of a vessel bound himself in a sum equal to the value of the vessel and cargo, to sail directly for Nantucket and there land the cargo for the use of the inhabitants of the island of Nantucket, and not to dispose of it for any other purpose.<sup>3</sup>

[1776.] The usual Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety was chosen by the three towns in 1776. A committee was

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

<sup>2</sup> *Rec. of Provincial Congress, 1775, Vol. 31, p. 125.*

<sup>3</sup> *Rec. of General Court, Vol. 33, p. 306.*



also chosen in Brunswick to petition the General Court for a barrel of gunpowder, as they were "very poorly provided with arms and ammunition, and their coast was very much exposed," etc. The commissary general of the colony was ordered by the General Court to deliver the amount asked for to Mr. Samuel Stanwood, he to pay for it at the rate of five shillings a pound.<sup>1</sup>

At a meeting of the militia and other inhabitants of Harpswell, "Including the Laram List of the first Company in Harpswell, assembled According to Order of Court Duly Notified and Met on the first Day of April, 1776," Lieutenant-Colonel Nathaniel Purinton was chosen moderator, and Andrew Dunning, clerk. Mr. Nehemiah Curtis was then chosen captain, Benjamin Dunning, first lieutenant, and Michael Curtis, second lieutenant of the militia.

At a meeting of the town of Brunswick, held May 31, it was *unanimously* agreed to support Congress should that body make a Declaration of Independence.

This year Robert Patten was chosen captain of the Topsham militia. His commission was dated July 1, just three days before the Declaration of Independence, and was granted by the "King's Council of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay."

Some time this year a picaroon, commanded by one Hammon, visited an island in Harpswell, which was inhabited by a single family only, and with a crew of seven men rifled them of their effects in the night, intending to rest there until day. Receiving information of this attack, Captain Nehemiah Curtis rallied a party, and before morning captured the boat and crew, and carrying the latter to Portland, lodged them in the county jail. Hammon managed, through falsehood, to get at liberty, and immediately went to the same island with a larger vessel and crew. Here Curtis and his volunteers again met him, and in the skirmish that followed, one of the miscreants was wounded and the others hurriedly withdrew.<sup>2</sup>

[1777.] Twenty-two men went to Boston from Brunswick in 1777, for service in the continental army. The town of Brunswick voted this year to make provision for the families of those men who were in the continental service.

[1778.] In April of this year John Dunning, Ephraim Graffam, Michael Growse, William Spear, Jr., and William Skolfield, of Brunswick, went into the continental service, and were sent to Peekskill. Harpswell also furnished five men, and Topsham four, at this time.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Rec. of General Court*, Vol. 35, p. 71.

<sup>2</sup> *Williamson*, 2, p. 429.

<sup>3</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

Not far from this time, probably, an American sloop of war came into Harpswell for recruits. Quite a number of young men enlisted, among them Marlboro' Sylvester, David Johnson, and Abner Bishop. Sylvester enlisted as a clerk. Each received a pension after the war.

Some time this year the privateer *Sea Flower*, Captain Tracy, sailed from Newburyport and was never heard from. She had among her complement of men, John Skolfield, Captain John Campbell, Eben Stanwood, William Stanwood, David Stanwood, John Black, William Reed, William Hunt, David Stanwood, Jr., and James Dunning, all from this vicinity.

The privateer *Sturdy Beggar* sailed about the same time with John Reed, Thomas Wier, and perhaps others from this vicinity, whose fate was never ascertained.<sup>1</sup>

[1779.] Four prisoners — when and where taken is unknown — were quartered upon the town some time in 1779, and Captains Dunlap and Thompson, Lieutenant Berry, and Mr. John Dunning were paid for the care of them.

This year the Penobscot or "Bagaduce" expedition was begun.

On July 3, 1779, the following order<sup>2</sup> was issued: —

"MAJOR LARRABEE,

"Sir: I have orders to raise a Regiment out of my Brigade to go to penobscot in order to Dislodge the Enemy there, I do therefore appoint you Second major of Said Regiment and expect you will hold yourself In Readyness to march at the shortest notice.

*Samuel Thompson Brig*

"TO MAJOR NATHL. LARRABEE."

In addition to Larrabee's company, Captain Actor Patten's company from Topsham were in this expedition and engaged in the first fight. Captain Nehemiah Curtis also headed a company of men from Brunswick and Harpswell, and went to Portland and were placed under the command of Colonel Mitchell. Some of the men never received any pay.<sup>3</sup> Captain Hinkley also had a company in this expedition. He was killed while standing upon a large rock cheering on his men,<sup>4</sup> and the command devolved upon James Potter, 2d.

[1780.] The General Court in 1780 called for a supply of beef

<sup>1</sup> *Penobscot Papers*

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

<sup>3</sup> *From the original order.*

<sup>4</sup> *History of Castine, p. 41, note.*

for the needs of the army, and a committee was chosen by the town of Brunswick to obtain the amount required to be furnished by that town. As there was great difficulty in obtaining the requisite quantity of beef in this vicinity, the selectmen were authorized by the town to give money in lieu of what they might be unable to obtain, provided it was equally acceptable to the General Court. This year, by a resolve passed December 2, the General Court made a requisition on the town of Brunswick for its quota of men for the army.

[1781.] On the ninth of January, 1781, the town of Brunswick elected a committee to divide the town into classes or divisions in order to procure the men called for by a resolve of the General Court of December 2, 1780. At a meeting of the town held three days later, this vote was reconsidered, and a committee was chosen to procure the men called for as best they could. The action of this meeting appears, however, not to have been satisfactory, for at a subsequent meeting, held January 15, the method of classifying the town was again adopted, and it was voted "to choose a committee of one man out of each class to join in the whole as a committee, to procure a man for the deficient class or classes; that is to say, those that have not procured by the 19th inst. said deficient classes, to apply to said committee by said 19th day, and the cost of procuring the whole number of men to be averaged on the whole town, as also all deficiencies or penalties accruing thereon; that if any class being deficient shall neglect to apply to said committee by said 19th day, such class shall bear the penalty of the law." The town was divided into ten classes, and one member of the committee was chosen from each class. The committee were directed to meet immediately and adopt such measures as they should think best. The selectmen were also directed "to consider such as have done service for the town this present war and report at the next March meeting."

[1782.] About the year 1782, though probably somewhat earlier,<sup>1</sup> but still towards the close of the war, a daring and successful exploit was performed by the patriotic inhabitants of Great Sebascodigan Island. For some years previously, several small schooners, acting as "tenders" to the English war vessels, had infested the waters of Casco Bay, landing at defenceless places and robbing the farmers and preying upon the fishermen. The inhabitants at last, incensed by these maraudings, resolved to retaliate. Knowing that the crew of one of these vessels often came to Condy's to trade and to have a

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<sup>1</sup> *McKeen dates the occurrence in 1776. MS. Lecture; also Pejepscot Papers.*



carousal at a store kept by a Mrs. Eastman (a noted Tory), they decided to capture the vessel and crew.

Accordingly, not many weeks elapsed before one day, late in the evening, notice was passed around that the *Picaroon*, commanded by one Linnaeum, a Scotchman, was at Cond's, and for all who were willing to engage in the enterprise to meet at the house of Colonel Nathaniel Purinton, at ten o'clock, P. M., to organize for an attack. Thirty men responded to the notice, armed with such weapons as they could command, and made choice of Colonel Purinton as their commander. Upon arriving at Cond's Harbor, they found the enemy had departed. Though disappointed, they did not give up, but determined to follow in pursuit.

A few of the men now left, but the others at once went on board a fishing-vessel called the *Shavingmill*, owned by Isaac Snow, Esquire. It was an open boat of about eight tons, fitted with sails and oars. Esquire Snow consented to the use of his boat and volunteered to go with them. At two o'clock in the morning they started in pursuit, having a light easterly wind and being obliged to use the oars. When off Small Point they exchanged the *Shavingmill* for the schooner *America*, of about fourteen tons, and partly decked over. They left two of the crew, who showed symptoms of cowardice, to take charge of the small boat, and again put to sea with eighteen men.

At sunrise they sighted the *Picaroon* in the offing near Seguin Island, chasing a coaster laden with lime in the hold and cordwood on deck, which was bound from Thomaston to Portland. The *Picaroon* captured and transferred her guns, two "three-pounder" swivels, with her other effects, to this coaster, and mounted the guns on the outer tier of wood and threw the middle tier overboard, thus leaving a good breastwork.

During the time of these preparations the *America* was fast coming up, and when about three miles distant the English began to fire at her with their swivels. Colonel Purinton ordered his men to keep out of sight and not to fire a gun without orders. When within pistol-shot he ordered them to rise and fire by sections as quickly as possible. He instructed the sailing-master to strike the coaster on the quarter and at once make fast the two vessels.

These orders were faithfully carried out, and about three o'clock the privateers boarded the enemy's vessel and found only two men on deck, one of whom was dead and the other shot through the knee. The others, seven in number, had gone below and were calling for quarter.

Shepherd, the man who was killed, a few moments before he was shot, was warned not to expose himself to the fire of the Yankees, but replied, "I'll be damned if I'll dodge at the flash of a Yankee gun!" He fell, shot through the heart. He was at the helm at the time. He was from Halifax, and was buried on a point of land at Cond's Harbor, which is now known as Shepherd's Point.

Colonel Purinton started for Cond's Harbor with his two prizes, eight prisoners, two swivels, and some ammunition, and arrived there at eleven o'clock in the evening, having been absent twenty hours.

The prisoners, who were mostly Tories, were sent to Portland under guard. Those engaged in this expedition were, Colonel Nathaniel Purinton, commander; Josiah Totman, sailing master; Isaac Snow, second officer; and Henry Merritt, Elisha Snow, John Snow, Stephen Purinton, Elisha Hopkins, Peter Birthright, Nathaniel Hall, Joseph Hall, Abraham Toothaker, a Mr. Dolf, with four others, whose names are unknown. Stephen Purinton was then only about nineteen years of age. His share of the prize money was twenty dollars.

Of the two swivels, one was given to the Parsonfield Academy, about 1837, and the other was burst while firing a salute, July 4, 1869.<sup>1</sup>

[1783.] During the year 1783 a letter was received in Brunswick from the Committee of Correspondence at Boston, desiring to know the feeling of the town in regard to allowing the return to their homes of refugees and conspirators. The subject was discussed at town-meeting, and it was unanimously voted "That they ought never to be suffered to return, but to be excluded from having lot or portion in any of the United States of America." This is the last recorded action of either of the towns having immediate reference to the period of the Revolution.

#### MILITIA COMPANIES.

The exact time of the formation of any of the militia companies, subsequent to the Revolution, is not known. In 1788 the First Regiment of the First Brigade and Fourth Division of the Massachusetts Militia mustered for the first time where the Bath Hotel, in Bath, now stands. John Lemont, of Bath, was colonel, and John Reed, of Tops-  
ham, lieutenant-colonel of this regiment.

On the twenty-ninth of July, 1794, the town of Brunswick voted to give each man that should enlist and equip himself as instructed by

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<sup>1</sup> *The foregoing account is that given by Stephen Purinton, a participant in the affair, to his son Stephen, and furnished us by the latter.*

the commander-in-chief, "so much as will make up, with what the United States give, ten dollars per month from the time he marches till he shall be discharged." It was also voted to pay each man that passed muster four dollars as a bounty. This call for troops was occasioned by Indian hostilities in the West.

#### TOPSHAM MILITIA COMPANIES.

The first Topsham militia company was formed, probably, prior to 1753. The earliest date given in the records of the company is November, 1795, but the traditionary account is that it was organized earlier than this.

The roster of its officers in 1795 was as follows:—

Captain, Alexander Rogers; first lieutenant, Steele Foster; ensign, David Patten; sergeants, William Graves, James Fulton, Thomas Hunter, Daniel Graves; corporals, John Jameson, Richard Knowles, John Ripley, Robert Malcolm; fifer, David Reed; drummer, Joseph Foster, 2d.

The train band consisted of about fifty members. The first training that is mentioned in the records was had November 16, 1795. In 1805 the company numbered fifty-eight, rank and file.

In 1808 it numbered sixty-one, rank and file.

Nothing of especial interest is recorded concerning this company, except that on June 20, 1814, an alarm was given, and the company marched to Bath and remained there two days.

Inspections and reviews probably occurred each year, though they were not always made matters of record. It is said that this company was a very large one, and became disorganized at one time by electing, in sport, unfit men for officers. At length the commanding general had to appoint competent officers, and Captain John Wilson, being placed in command, brought the company up to a proper standard.

THE TOPSHAM ARTILLERY COMPANY was formed in May, 1804, although no records of an earlier date than 1818 have been found. A muster-roll of the company has been preserved bearing date September 29, 1814. At that time it belonged to the First Brigade and Eleventh Division of the Militia of Massachusetts, and was called into service and stationed at Bath. The company was commanded at the time by Captain Nathaniel Walker, numbered thirty-four, all told, and was in service from September 10 to 29, with the exception of three unfit for duty, four not notified, and ten on detached duty in forts, etc. According to traditionary accounts, Daniel Holden was the first cap-



tain, Stephen Bradford the lieutenant, and John Holland the first ensign. The by-laws of the company were adopted May, 1818. These by-laws required an annual meeting of the company on the first Tuesday of May. The uniform was a blue coat, white kerseymer vest and pantaloons, black sword-belt, half-gaiters, neck-cloth faced, bound, and welted with red, Bonaparte hat, black cockade, and red plume.

The orderly sergeant was required to have one gun fired and the colors hoisted at sunrise on all days of public parade, and to marshal the music at least one hour previous to the roll-call, and to march with it through the several streets of the village to the gun-house.

On the decease of any member the company were required to attend the funeral under arms. To these by-laws some penal laws were annexed.

By a brigade order, not dated, but probably of date 1819, the uniform of non-commissioned officers and privates was to be "a short blue coat, *trimmed* with red worsted cord, gilt buttons, short buttons, small round hats or caps with a front piece ornamented with a gilt eagle, black plumes, tipped with red, red waist-belts." The hostlers were to wear "gray coats trimmed with red worsted cord, and white vests"; the rest of their uniform to be the same as that of the privates.

In 1823 the company voted that the alteration in their uniform "should consist of red morocco belts or leather painted red, to go over the shoulders and round the waist, a new round felt hat with small rim, large new frontispiece, and round cockade."

In 1824, Joseph Swett was appointed adjutant, and David Scribner, both of Topsham, quartermaster of the battalion.

In 1831 the company voted, "That the officers should be excused from furnishing any ardent spirit, on any occasion, for the company, and that the officers should pay four dollars to the benefit of said company, annually, for being thus excused." The last entry in the records was made May 2, 1846, and the disbandment of the company occurred May 19, 1851.

The arms of the company were two brass four-pounders. Until the gun-house was built they were kept in Mr. James Wilson's barn. After the disbandment of the company they were sent to the Portland arsenal, and the gun-house was sold.

In 1836 the selectmen, in accordance with a law passed a short time previously, defined the limits of the two companies of infantry. The dividing line was Main Street and its continuance over Cathance River to Bowdoin. All west of this line was to be the limits of the

company commanded by Lieutenant Alvah Jameson, and all east to be the limits of the company commanded by Captain Holman Staples.

#### BRUNSWICK MILITIA COMPANIES.

THE BRUNSWICK LIGHT INFANTRY was organized in May, 1804. Its officers were Thomas S. Estabrook, captain; Caleb Cushing, first lieutenant; and Robert D. Dunning, second lieutenant. The records of the company have not been found, and consequently but little is known of their doings. In 1825, Saturday, June 25, LaFayette made his visit to Portland, and this company, under the command of Captain John A. Dunning, attended to assist in escort duty, and were received by the Portland Rifle Company. They celebrated their thirty-eighth anniversary on the seventeenth of June, 1842. Shortly after this time this company became disorganized, but on July 21, 1854, it was reorganized under the title of "D Company Light Infantry," and the following officers were chosen at that time: John A. Cleaveland, captain; Andrew T. Campbell, first lieutenant; Charles Pettingill, second lieutenant; John H. Humphreys, third, and John P. Owen, fourth lieutenant. This company turned out June 27, 1855, for target practice, and William R. Field, Jr., got the prize for being the best marksman. The prize was a silver cup. The company had its first annual parade and inspection on the thirtieth of May preceding. On September of the next year, 1856, the company attended muster in Bath, and about August 7, 1857, it disbanded.

THE BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM RIFLE COMPANY was organized in 1821. No records have been preserved of this company, and nothing is known of its doings. A. B. Thompson was the first captain.

In 1806 and 1807 three other infantry companies and an artillery company were formed. One of these infantry companies was commanded by Captain Joseph Dusten, and had its headquarters at Maquoit. The village company was under command of Captain Richard T. Dunlap. The New Meadows company was commanded by Captain Peter Jordan, who died in May, 1876, the last surviving member of the company. Early in 1807, Samuel Page and others petitioned the proper authorities for the organization of an ARTILLERY COMPANY. In compliance with the wish expressed in this petition, a brigade order was issued, directing the proper steps to be taken for the accomplishment of this object, and Mr. Lemuel Swift was directed "to raise a company of artillery out of the foot companies of the town of Brunswick, by voluntary enlistment." The company was at once organized, and Peter O. Alden was chosen as its first captain. He is said to have pro-

cured the first bass drum ever brought to town. This company had two six-pounder brass guns in its gun-house on Centre Street.

In addition to the above companies there was a cavalry company, of which a few members belonged in Brunswick and Topsham, and others in Lisbon and Durham. Captain Jack, of Litchfield, was the commanding officer, and a Mr. Baker of Topsham was the lieutenant.

#### HARPSWELL MILITIA COMPANIES.

There were, about 1812, two infantry companies in Harpswell, which were organized about 1776. The Harpswell Neck company was commanded, in 1812, by Captain David Johnson, and Peleg Curtis was the lieutenant. The Harpswell Island company was commanded by Captain Stephen Snow, and Paul Snow was the lieutenant. In 1832, Isaiah S. Trufant was chosen captain of the island company, in place of John M. Purinton, and Humphrey Snow ensign, in place of Eli Hodgdon.<sup>1</sup>

In 1835 the selectmen defined the limits of the companies of militia as follows: The limits of Captain Hudson Merryman's company were all that part of Great Island northwest of a line drawn from Long Reach to Strawberry Creek, together with Orr's, Bailey's, Haskell's, Flag, Whaleboat, and Birch Islands, and the Neck. The limits of Captain John M. Purinton's company were all that part of Great Island southeast of a line drawn from Long Reach to Strawberry Creek.

In 1836, Simeon Stover, 2d, commanded the first-mentioned, and Isaiah Trufant the last-named company.

#### THE WAR OF 1812, AND ANTECEDENT PREPARATIONS.

As early as 1804 a feeling of hostility against Great Britain was engendered in this vicinity by the impressment of sailors, and was displayed by the formation of military companies and other military preparations.

All of the Brunswick companies went to Bath during the war of 1812, and served for a short period. There were one or two British vessels there, and the soldiers from them used occasionally to land and commit depredations, until General King called out the militia. There were in all three hundred and twenty men from Brunswick on duty at Bath.

One of the regiments on service in this war, in the division of Gen-

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<sup>1</sup> *Harpswell Banner*, 1832.



eral King, was commanded by Colonel Abel Merrill, of Topsham, an efficient and accomplished officer.

In Harpswell, at this time, a fort was built commanding the entrance of New Meadows River. A few soldiers were stationed in it to intercept the boats carrying supplies to the English vessels outside. Orders were given to have every boat or vessel report at the fort in passing in or out, and to sink every boat neglecting to report after the usual warning. Some of the fishermen thought these orders were too strict, and said they would not report to the guard if he sunk their boats. One of these men, named Dingley, being bound out on a short fishing cruise, attempted to pass the guard when ordered to report, but was fired at, and his boat hit. It began to fill, and he barely made out to reach the shore with it. This put a stop to the boats running that fort. The guard's name was Seth Wilson.

On one occasion during the war, James Sinnett, of Bailey's Island, then a young man twenty-three years of age, with two brothers younger than himself, went out fishing. While engaged in this pursuit they saw a large vessel approaching which they thought to be American. When she came within hailing distance, they asked her name, and were told she was the *Essex*, an American man-of-war. Young Sinnett and his brothers then came alongside, and, by invitation, went aboard. When they reached the deck they were asked to go into the cabin and see the captain. They did so, and were informed by him that they were aboard the English man-of-war *The Rattler*, and that they were his prisoners! He however assured them that he should do them no harm, and should hold them captive only for a few weeks. He said his object in making them prisoners was to obtain the use of their fishing craft to reconnoitre the coast without suspicion. Accordingly he put twenty of his men aboard Sinnett's boat with instructions to cruise about the bays and rivers in the vicinity, and to report to him any discoveries which they made. At the end of a week they returned, and Sinnett and his brothers were discharged. During their captivity they were kindly treated and well fed.

At the time the British men-of-war were in the Kennebec River, and the division of militia were ordered out by General King, Captain Johnson, of the Harpswell company, notified his men to prepare quickly to march to Bath. After consultation, however, with some of the residents of Bailey's Island, Captain Johnson decided to leave on that island, as a guard, all the able-bodied men of his command who resided there. This was done on account of this island being particularly exposed to the danger of attacks from the enemy's cruis-

ers, which were hovering about the coast all the time. Accordingly, while Captain Johnson and the rest of his company went to Bath, the Bailey's Island men, under command of Captain James Sinnett, kept guard night and day on their own ground.

Before Captain Johnson's return, Captain Sinnett noticed a small coaster standing in by Small Point, closely pursued by a schooner. The coaster came in between Pond and Ram Islands, and the schooner, not daring to follow, manned a barge to continue the pursuit. They both came into Water Cove, and the crew of the barge were about to board the coaster, when Captain Sinnett sent a man — John Ham, of Bowdoin, who was stopping temporarily on the island — to hail the barge. Ham did hail, and asked the commander what he wanted. The reply was, "The coasting sloop." "You can't have her," answered Ham, "and we will give you a reasonable time to leave, or we will sink your barge." Upon this the commander of the barge quietly drew off. Mr. Jonathan Johnson was very anxious to fire upon the intruders, but was prevented from doing so by his officers.<sup>1</sup>

Nothing further has been obtained in regard to the participation of these towns in this war, except the list of soldiers engaged in it, which will be found in the Appendix.

After the close of this war the military spirit was still kept alive, and the companies did not any of them disband for several years. The different towns also took care to see that a stock of ammunition was kept on hand, and the town of Brunswick in 1816 authorized the selectmen to build a new powder-house, at an expense of one hundred and fifty dollars.

In 1825, Captain John C. Humphreys was chosen lieutenant-colonel of the Second Regiment, First Brigade, Fourth Division of State Militia, and Joseph Demeritt was appointed quartermaster.

In 1829, Major Andrew Dennison was elected colonel, and Captain John A. Dunning major, of this same regiment. They were all Brunswick men.

The MECHANIC VOLUNTEERS, of Brunswick, was organized in 1836. Who the first officers were is unknown. In 1843, John A. Cleaveland was elected captain, George S. Elliot, lieutenant, and William K. Melcher, ensign.

Musters for review and parade were of almost annual occurrence in these towns in former times. The earliest one known to have taken place was in Brunswick in 1809. It was a brigade review. Similar

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<sup>1</sup> Narrated by Captain Sinnett himself, who is still living upon the island.

inspections were held in Brunswick almost every year up to 1825, when it was held at Bath. In 1829 the Brunswick Light Infantry Company and the Rifle Company were notified to appear for duty, July 4, probably for escort duty, and a dinner was given them at the Tontine Hotel. September 21, 1836, the Second Regiment of First Brigade and Fourth Division was inspected in Brunswick, and on September 14, 1842, the annual inspection and review of all the military in this vicinity took place there. The line was formed on Maine Street in the morning, and about half past ten the line of march was taken up for the parade ground, about a mile from the village on the river road. It was stated in the papers at that time that the light infantry and volunteers of Brunswick and the rifle companies of Topsham and Durham deserved especial notice "for their neat uniforms and good discipline." In 1844 there was a muster, on the twenty-third of September, of the First Brigade of the Fourth Division and attached independent companies, and this is the last occurrence of the kind in this vicinity, so far as known, prior to 1861.

At a muster which occurred on September 25, 1822, some difficulty arose in regard to the proper place in the line for certain companies. The trouble culminated in a court-martial.<sup>1</sup>

**BURLESQUE MUSTERS.** — In 1836 the law required all persons temporarily sojourning in a place, who were liable to military duty, to turn out for a general muster in May. That year the students of Bowdoin College being warned to appear, and not wishing to refuse to obey a legal summons, but disliking the duty, appeared in fantastic and grotesque costumes. They appeared in the same manner in 1837, and although the obnoxious law was soon repealed, the custom was kept up by the students for many years, a burlesque "May training" having occurred as late as 1856.

#### BRUNSWICK IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.

When the Third Maine Regiment passed through Brunswick in 1861, on its way to the seat of war, a salute was fired and a collation provided. That town was zealous in its support of the national government, and not only voted this year \$1,500 to pay the expenses of recruiting, clothing, and fitting out volunteers from the town, but also voted to pay each volunteer "a sum sufficient, with what is paid by government, to equal twenty dollars per month during the time they

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<sup>1</sup> *Owing to the size this volume has already attained, it is found necessary to omit the account of this trial.*



may be in the public service," and appropriated \$5,000 for the support of the families of those who enlisted.

At the annual meeting in 1862, the town of Brunswick voted to furnish assistance to the families of such of the inhabitants as were in the service of their country, either in the army or navy, and to those who should thereafter engage in such service, to such amount as provided for by an Act of the legislature, so long as they should continue in the service. The treasurer was authorized to borrow \$6,000 for the purpose. The town also voted to guarantee the payment to each and every volunteer, who enlisted under the last call for troops, or who should enlist by the fourth day of August, in either of the regiments of the State which were then in the field or in either of the new regiments to be formed, and who should be actually mustered into the service of the United States as one of the quota of the town under the recent call for troops, one hundred dollars over and above the bounties offered by the State and the United States, to be paid at the time of being mustered in. This time was afterwards extended. The town also voted to hire \$5,200 for the above purpose, and a rallying committee of thirty-three was chosen to induce enlistments. Though the large majority of the citizens of Brunswick were intensely loyal, there were some lukewarm ones and a few "Southern sympathizers," who apparently desired to see the Southern Confederacy firmly established. One of these individuals was said to have given encouragement to the Confederates by his letters, and the case was made known through the public press. To show the sentiment of the town, the following resolutions were passed at this meeting:—

“Whereas, W. S. Lindsey, a member of the British Parliament, is reported to have stated in his place in that body that he had lately received a letter from a ‘citizen of strong Union feeling in Brunswick, in the State of Maine, expressing his hope for British intervention in the contest now going on,’

“Therefore, *Resolved*, That the citizens of this town will spare no pains to discover and ascertain whether this declaration thus made by a member of Parliament is a fabrication, or whether we really have among us such a black-hearted hypocrite, traitor, and knave, as could thus seek to add the calamity of a foreign war to our present distresses.

“*Resolved*, That we need something more than such a naked declaration to convince us that there is in our midst such a compound of the villain and the fool; but if it should prove that there is, be it further

“*Resolved*, That we will purge the fair fame of our town by con-

signing him to the deserved punishment of all traitors, whenever he shall be discovered.

“*Resolved unanimously*, That the citizens of this town abhor the idea of foreign interference in the affairs of the Republic. That we will always resist, to the utmost of our power, the intervention of any monarch or potentate whatever against our government, and that we hold in utter detestation the fiend or fool who would seek to bring such a thing about.

“*Resolved*, That Brunswick is no home for traitors, and that if any lurk here pretending to be men ‘of strong Union feelings,’ while secretly sympathizing with the rebels in arms against our government, they had better remove before they are discovered.

“*Voted*, That a copy of the above resolves be signed by the moderator and clerk of this meeting and be sent, one to the Honorable Freeman H. Morse, and one to the Honorable Charles F. Train at London, and that a copy be sent for publication in the *Portland Press*, *Boston Journal*, and the *Brunswick Telegraph*.”

At a special meeting, held August 23, the town voted to guarantee to each volunteer who should enlist in any of the nine months’ regiments, between that date and the time fixed for a draft, the sum of twenty dollars, to be paid when such person has been accepted by the governor as a part of the quota of the town. It was also voted to hire nine hundred and twenty dollars for the above-named purpose, and a committee was chosen to solicit subscriptions for a volunteer fund, to make up the sum of fifty dollars to each volunteer.

At another meeting, held August 30, the town voted an additional sum of eighty dollars for nine months’ volunteers, making a total of one hundred dollars. It was also voted to hire \$3,680 for this purpose.

[1863.] At the March meeting in 1863, the towns voted to furnish aid to the families of persons in the service of the national government, either in the army or navy, to the extent allowed by the law of the State, and to such an amount as the State had agreed or might hereafter agree to refund to the town. The treasurer was directed to hire for this purpose, as a temporary loan, \$6,000.

At a special meeting, held August 17, the selectmen were directed to pay each drafted man who was, in person or by substitute, mustered into the United States service, a bounty of three hundred dollars. Payment was to be made as soon as practicable after such drafted man or substitute had been mustered into service. It was also voted to hire \$20,000 for this purpose.

At a special meeting, held November 21, the town voted to pay two hundred and fifty dollars each to volunteers credited as part of

the quota of the town, under the call of the President, dated October 17, 1863. It was also voted to hire \$14,000 for this purpose. On December 1, an additional bounty of fifty dollars was voted, which brought the whole up to three hundred dollars. Voted to hire \$2,800 for the additional bounty.

[1864.] At the annual meeting of the town in 1864, it was voted that the debt of the town incurred in raising money for the payment of bounties, and expenses connected therewith, should be funded as authorized by the Act of February 20, 1864, and that bonds therefor should be issued in such sums as the selectmen and town treasurer deemed most for the interest of the town. The bonds to be payable after three, and not exceeding twenty years, at the pleasure of the town, with coupons attached, bearing yearly interest not exceeding six per cent, payable semiannually.

The selectmen and treasurer were authorized to issue such bonds to the amount of \$35,000. The town also, at this meeting, voted aid to the families of soldiers as heretofore, and to borrow \$7,000 for the purpose.

At a special meeting, held August 8, the selectmen were authorized to expend a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars per man, of the town's proportion of troops required by the call of July 18, 1864, in paying recruiting agents and other necessary expenses of procuring enlistments. It was also voted to pay each recruit raised to fill the quota of the town, under the last-mentioned call, such bounty as the recruit might be entitled to receive from the State, according to the terms of General Order, No. 27, issued from the adjutant-general's office, July 20, 1864, said bounty to be reimbursed to the town from the State treasury agreeably to the provisions of Chapter 227, of the laws of 1864. It was also voted to hire \$1,550 for recruiting purposes and \$12,000 for paying bounties.

At another meeting, held August 15, a bounty of five hundred dollars for three years' men, four hundred dollars for two years' men, and three hundred dollars for one year's men, was voted to *enrolled men furnishing substitutes*, under the call of July 18, 1864. It was also voted to pay *volunteers* enlisting to fill the quota under said call the same sums as bounties as were paid to enrolled men furnishing substitutes, and to pay a bounty of three hundred dollars to men who may be drafted under that call. Voted to borrow \$20,000 for the above purposes, and the selectmen were authorized to appoint recruiting agents to fill the quota of July 18, 1864.

[1865.] At a special meeting, held February 11, 1865, the town voted to raise \$1,300, to be expended in paying the expenses of recruit-



ing to fill the town's quota of troops, under the call of December 19, 1864. It was also voted to pay each volunteer, each enrolled man furnishing a substitute, and each drafted man entering the service of the United States in person or by substitute, three hundred dollars for one year, four hundred dollars for two years, and five hundred dollars for three years. An additional bounty of fifty dollars was also voted to each veteran volunteer who had served at least two years and had been honorably discharged, and twenty-five dollars to each volunteer who had served at least nine months. The town voted to raise \$25,000 for the above bounties. At the annual town-meeting this year, it was voted to aid the families of soldiers and sailors as heretofore, and \$7,000 was raised for the purpose.

#### TOPSHAM IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.

The earliest reference to this war found in the town records is dated May 1, 1861. At a special meeting of the town held at this time, the selectmen were authorized to make proper provision for the support of the families of all persons having a legal residence in town, who might enlist in accordance with an Act of the State, passed at the extra session of the legislature, and approved April 25, 1861, during their absence from the State, and whose families might stand in need of assistance, and the selectmen were authorized to borrow the money necessary for the purpose, or to assess the town therefor. It was also at this meeting voted to pay all persons who volunteered their services to the government, eight dollars per month while they were away on duty.

[1862.] At the annual meeting in 1862, the selectmen were authorized to raise money for the support of the families of volunteers.

At a meeting held July 26 the town voted to give a bounty of one hundred dollars over and above the bounties paid by the State and the United States, for each volunteer who had enlisted "under the last call for troops," or who might enlist up to the time of drafting (dating from July 26, 1862), in either of the regiments of the State that was already in the field, or that should be formed, provided he was finally accepted and mustered into the service of the United States as one of the quota of the town, under the recent call for troops. The selectmen were also authorized to hire \$1,800 for the purpose, or so much of that sum as might be necessary.

There being some question as to whether this action of the town would be legalized by the legislature, forty-six citizens pledged themselves, to the amount of fifty dollars each, to indemnify the selectmen if the doings of the town were not legalized.

At a meeting of the town held August 29 it was voted to pay a bounty of one hundred dollars to each volunteer who would enlist in the service of the United States, under a call from the President for 300,000 men for nine months, and it was also voted to raise \$2,500 for the purpose, or so much thereof as might be necessary.

Sixty-five citizens pledged themselves to indemnify the selectmen in the sum of fifty dollars each, should the action of the town not be legalized by the legislature.

At a meeting held December 6 the town voted to reimburse all those citizens who had subscribed money for volunteers. The town also at this meeting voted to raise three hundred dollars for the needy families of soldiers.

[1863.] At the annual meeting in 1863 the town voted to raise seven hundred dollars to be paid as bounties for soldiers.

At a meeting held July 18 it was voted to pay drafted men, or those who provided substitutes, three hundred dollars each.

At a meeting of the town, August 27, the selectmen were authorized to pay drafted men, or those who provided substitutes, three hundred dollars each, and to procure a loan for the purpose, not exceeding \$5,000, for a term of years, and bearing interest annually.

At a meeting held November 7, it was voted to pay each volunteer one hundred dollars, whether new recruit or veteran.

The treasurer was authorized to raise by loan sufficient money to pay this bounty for a number not exceeding twenty-one volunteers.

At a meeting on December 2, it was voted to pay two hundred dollars more in addition to the one hundred dollars voted in November for volunteers. The treasurer was authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$6,300 for this purpose.

[1864.] At a meeting held January 6, the selectmen were instructed to raise a sum of money, not to exceed \$1,000, for the purpose of obtaining and paying volunteers, and they were also instructed to take such measures as in their judgment seemed best to fill the quota of the town.

In August it was voted to pay a bounty of five hundred dollars to enrolled men furnishing substitutes previous to the draft under the last call (July 18, 1864) of the President of the United States for 500,000 men for three years, to pay a bounty of four hundred dollars to those furnishing substitutes for two years, and to pay a bounty of three hundred dollars to those furnishing substitutes for one year, to be paid after the substitutes were accepted and mustered into service on the quota of the town under said call. The selectmen were also

authorized and directed to pay volunteers, enlisting to fill the quota of the town under said call, the same sums as bounties, for the same periods as are before stated, and to pay a bounty of three hundred dollars to men who might be drafted under said call, to be paid after such volunteers and drafted men were accepted and mustered into service on the quota of the town under said call. The selectmen were also authorized and directed to pay to men drafted under said call, and furnishing substitutes, the same sums as bounties, for the same periods as before stated, to be paid after such substitutes were accepted and mustered into service on the quota of the town. It was voted to raise by loan \$15,000 for this purpose.

[1865.] At a special meeting, held January 21, 1865, to see if the town would vote to accept the surplus men already enlisted and take measures to pay them, it was voted to accept them, and that the money raised August 17, 1864, be appropriated to pay the men so far as was necessary. The selectmen were authorized to take such action as they deemed best to provide men and means in case of another call, which was then anticipated.

At the annual meeting, the town voted that the selectmen be authorized to raise \$5,000 to be expended in raising men for the government.

[1867.] At the annual meeting this year, the selectmen were authorized to raise a sum not exceeding \$10,000, at not more than seven and three tenths per cent interest, to meet the liabilities of the town. It was also voted to fund the town debt and issue bonds to the amount of the debt, payable, one fourth of the sum in five years, one fourth in ten years, one fourth in fifteen years, and one fourth in twenty years; said bonds to bear six per cent interest, payable semi-annually, and to be disposed of to the best advantage by the selectmen as fast as necessary, to meet the liabilities of the town for its existing indebtedness.

[1868.] At the annual meeting in 1868, the town voted that the sum to be raised to fund the debt of the town, as authorized by the town in 1867, be limited to \$20,000.

#### HARPSWELL IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.

[1862.] The earliest action of the town of Harpswell having reference to the late civil war was at a special meeting, held July 21, 1862. At this meeting the town voted to raise money to induce men to enlist as volunteers in the army. They voted to raise \$2,000, and pay each man who might enlist or be drafted one hundred dollars when mus-



tered into the service. A committee of four, namely, Albert T. Trufant, Lemuel H. Stover, Alexander Ewing, and Alcot S. Merryman, was chosen to procure the quota of men required from Harpswell, and to pay the same their bounty. The selectmen were also authorized to furnish aid to families of volunteers at their discretion.

There appears to have been a doubt as to the legality of the above action of the town; and in order that the votes might be carried into effect, a number of prominent citizens signed a paper agreeing to indemnify the selectmen in case the action of the town was not legalized by the legislature of the State. The amount pledged was \$3,270.

On the fifth of September it was also voted to pay each man who should enlist into the United States service one hundred dollars as a bounty for him to enlist as one of the nine-months' men, under the call of the President, of August, 1862, and to continue paying it until the draft was commenced, unless their quota should be full before. The bounty was also to be extended to those enlisting in old regiments, if reckoned as a part of Harpswell's quota. It was also voted to extend aid to the families of those who enlisted, if in the opinion of the selectmen any aid was needed. The selectmen were also chosen a committee to solicit men to enlist and to pay the bounties.

At a special meeting, held on September 12, it was voted to place the bounty at two hundred dollars per man, instead of one hundred, and the town treasurer was authorized to hire money for the purpose of paying these bounties.

[1863.] Several town-meetings were held in 1863. At one, held on June 29, the town voted to raise three hundred dollars for each drafted man in Harpswell under the Conscription Act, and to place the money in the hands of the selectmen to be used in paying the bounty to those who were mustered into the United States service, or in furnishing substitutes, or in paying fines for those who were liable to be mustered under said Act. The selectmen were authorized to hire the money for this purpose. At a subsequent meeting, held July 25, the above action of the town was reconsidered, and the article in the warrant under which the vote was passed was laid on the table. A vote was then passed similar to the foregoing, except that instead of paying cash, the selectmen were authorized to give "town orders" for the amounts, the orders to be on interest at six per cent, and to run for ten years, or at the discretion of the town for a less period.

At a meeting held October 6, David Webber and Sylvester Stover were elected a committee to hire money to take up the town orders. On November 7, Lemuel H. Stover was delegated to go to

Augusta and confer with the adjutant-general and governor, concerning an enlistment of non-residents, and also in regard to having the enrolment reduced. On November 24 it was voted to raise \$8,250, to induce men to enlist to fill the town's quota of volunteers, under the call of the President, dated October 17, 1863. The selectmen were instructed to hire the money, and to pay each man two hundred and seventy-five dollars, or less, and if they could not fill the entire quota to obtain as many as they could.

[1864.] On March 7, 1864, a special meeting was called to see what method the town would take to answer the call of the President, of February, 1864, for more men, and whether they would vote to raise money for bounties, etc. This article was "dispensed with," and the meeting adjourned. At a special meeting, held August 1, Lemuel H. Stover was chosen an agent to go to Augusta, and confer with the adjutant-general and governor as to the best method of filling the quota of Harpswell under the call of the President, of July 18, for 500,000 volunteers. The meeting was adjourned to August 8, at which time it was voted to instruct the selectmen to issue to each enrolled man under the above call a town order of three hundred dollars when mustered into the service, the order to be on interest, and to be in addition to the State and United States bounties. The selectmen were also to appoint an agent to procure recruits, and it was voted to raise eight hundred and seventy-five dollars to pay the expenses of the agent. This vote to issue town orders for three hundred dollars was, however, rescinded at a meeting held August 25, and it was then voted to raise \$15,000 by issue of town notes to that amount, payable in five years (or at the option of the town in a less time), the money to be disbursed by the agent as follows: Three hundred dollars to each man who should enlist or furnish a substitute for one year, four hundred dollars for two years, and five hundred dollars for three years, under the call of the President, of July 18.

[1865.] On January 17, 1865, the town voted that each enrolled man who enlisted upon the quota of Harpswell, under the last call of the President, or any future call, should receive from the town the sum of three hundred dollars for one year, four hundred dollars for two years, and five hundred dollars for three years, either in scrip or money, at the option of the selectmen; and each enrolled person who might have, or should furnish, two hundred dollars for the procurement of a substitute to represent him, in the army or navy, upon the quota of Harpswell, under the last call, or any future call, should

receive from the town a sufficient sum for that purpose, either in scrip or money, *provided* it did not exceed three hundred dollars for a one-year, four hundred dollars for a two-years, or five hundred dollars for a three-years substitute. L. H. Stover was chosen the agent to procure substitutes and to expend the money. At a meeting held February 20, the town voted to receive recruits to fill their quota from those who were not enrolled. It was also voted to raise \$5,000 in addition to the sum raised on the twenty-fifth day of August, 1864.

At the annual March meeting, it was voted "that the selectmen and treasurer of the town of Harpswell be authorized and instructed to fund the war debt of the town of Harpswell, which has already accrued, and also for what may be necessary to be raised to fill the remainder of the quota of the town under the last call of the President, and issue town bonds with coupons attached, bearing six per cent semiannual interest. The funded debt not to exceed, under any circumstances, *thirty thousand dollars*, said bond to be given running not over twenty years, and in such manner that at least *fifteen hundred dollars* of said bonds shall become due each successive year."

For a complete list of the volunteers, drafted men, and substitutes in the army or navy, from each town, the reader is referred to the Appendix.





# PART III.

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BIOGRAPHICAL AND GENEALOGICAL.





## CHAPTER I.

### BIOGRAPHICAL.

IN the following pages will be found brief biographies of some of the prominent citizens of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell, who are not now living.

It is probable that the names of some who were deserving of special notice have been omitted, and that some of the sketches are briefer than might be deemed desirable. If such be the case, it is because we have not found or been furnished with the requisite information for such sketches. There has been no intentional injustice done or partiality shown. In writing these sketches we have depended upon the communications received from the friends of the parties, and from information obtained from such printed sources as were accessible to us. Much assistance has been furnished by the files of the *Brunswick Telegraph*, and in numerous cases we have not hesitated to make verbatim extracts from its columns.

#### ABBOT, HONORABLE JACOB.

Honorable Jacob Abbot was born in 1746. In 1767 he married Lydia Stevens, and moved to Wilton, New Hampshire, where he made a farm from the forest. About 1776 he sold his farm to his brother Joseph, and bought in the middle of the town, and traded in goods. He built the first mills on Souhegan River, in Wilton; was employed in town business; was the first representative to the General Court, and the first justice of the peace in the town; was Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and a Councillor of State. He moved to Andover, and assisted Honorable Samuel Phillips in his business, and was a trustee of Phillips Academy. In 1797 he moved to Concord, New Hampshire, traded in goods, and represented the town in the General Court for three years. In 1802 he moved to Hallowell, Maine. In 1803 he removed to Topsham, and in 1804 or 1805, to Brunswick. He was a useful member of the Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College, and a senator for the county of Cumberland in the legislature of

Maine. In the several offices which he sustained he was capable, faithful, and useful; and in the several places in which he lived he was influential in promoting peace, good order, and prosperity.

His mind was active, his perception quick, his memory prompt, his judgment sound, his disposition mild. He was facetious, affable, and benevolent, and had a fund of anecdote. Early impressed with a sense of right and wrong, he was upright in his dealings, faithful in business, a firm friend and supporter of religion and religious institutions, and active in the cause of education. One son and seven grandsons have had a collegiate education. He died in Brunswick at the age of seventy-four years.<sup>1</sup>

#### ABBOTT, REVEREND JOHN S. C.

John Stevens Cabot Abbott was a son of Honorable Jacob Abbot, and was born at Brunswick, Maine, September 18, 1805. He was graduated at Bowdoin College in 1825, and at the Andover Theological Seminary in 1829, and was subsequently settled at Worcester, Roxbury, and Nantucket, in Massachusetts, and afterward at New Haven, Connecticut. "The Mother at Home" was written in 1833, and was his first work of any note; and to the several European languages into which it was translated are added the Greek, Turkish, and Tamul languages of Asia. He has written several works of a moral and highly instructive order, and several biographies, but his greatest renown, at home and in France at least, is due to the history of Napoleon and other works relating to the same subject, all of which are remarkable for a vigorous defence of that emperor. So effective, indeed, were his efforts in his behalf, that Napoleon, never too free with recognition of such service, acknowledged the handsome tribute not alone with formal courtesy, but by bestowing upon the author his warmest friendship, and many substantial proofs thereof. Mr. Abbott's history of the late civil war and his other American histories comprise about twenty-five volumes. He died at his residence, in Fairhaven, Connecticut, in June, 1877.

#### ADAMS, REVEREND GEORGE E., D. D.

The subject of this sketch was the oldest son of Deacon Eliashib Adams, and was born in Worthington, Massachusetts, October 27, 1801. Two years later, his father removed to Bangor, Maine, with his family. The son fitted for Yale College, and graduated in 1821. He graduated also from Andover Theological Seminary in 1826, and

<sup>1</sup> *From Abbott's Genealogical Register, 1847, A. and E. Abbott.*



Yours truly,  
Geo. E. Adams.





was appointed the very next year Professor of Sacred Literature in Bangor Theological Seminary. He retained this position until 1829, when he was called to the pastoral charge of the First Parish Church in Brunswick. This charge he resigned in June, 1870, and assumed that relation to the Trinity Congregational Church in Orange, New Jersey. Although his health was failing, he continued to minister to that growing church, even after he had swooned away in his pulpit with the exertion, until he was forced to yield to the effects of disease and suffering, and tendered his resignation in 1875. The church where his late labors had been so signally blessed clung to him with singular affection. But he desired to come back to Brunswick to spend his last days. "This brief appearance among his old people and in his old pulpit seemed like the visit of an angel." Returning to Orange in the autumn, his health failed rapidly, and he passed away December 25, 1875.

His funeral was held in his old church at Brunswick, where a large concourse of citizens testified their respect and affection. A public meeting was also held, at which resolutions were passed expressive of a deep appreciation of his character and services.

The doctor married early in life Miss Ann Folsom, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Having no children, they adopted Frances Caroline Adams, daughter of Asher Adams, of Boston, and now the wife of General Chamberlain. They afterwards adopted Anna Delamater Davis, who married and died in this town, leaving one daughter, Georgie A. Atkinson.

Mrs. Adams was a woman of remarkable character, and will long be remembered in this place. She died in 1850.

Some years afterward Dr. Adams married Miss Helen M. Root, of Chicago. Their oldest child, George, died at an early age. The daughters, Sarah R. and Mary L., are with their mother in Orange, New Jersey.

For forty years Doctor Adams filled the pulpit, which may well be considered a difficult and trying one, with great acceptance, and managed a parish composed of strong and diverse elements, with consummate judgment and tact. The church grew under his hands by steady, regular increase.

Doctor Adams was not only a good pastor, he was also a good citizen, alive to the interests of the people among whom he lived, and his eminently benevolent nature prompted him to the discharge of numerous trusts which did not legitimately belong to his calling. Doctor Adams, with great geniality of temper, possessed a reserved

fund of humor, which rendered him a charming companion in social life, and which gave to many of his fugitive addresses and writings a point and elegance that few could impart to such efforts. There was about the man so much that was genial and loving, so much of consideration for the rights and opinions of others, that even those who most differed with him could not fail to recognize his sincerity of purpose and his firm intent to do what he honestly regarded for the best."

ALDEN, PETER O., ESQUIRE,

Was the son of Joseph and Hannah [Hall] Alden, and a descendant of John Alden, who came over in the *Mayflower*, in 1620. He was born in Middleboro', Massachusetts, August 20, 1772; was graduated at Brown University, in 1792; studied law with Judge Padelford, in Taunton, and came to Brunswick near the close of 1796 or early in 1797. He was admitted to the Cumberland bar at the March term in 1797. He married, in 1801, Mindwell, a daughter of Doctor Lyman, of York, by whom he received some property. He was the only lawyer in Brunswick for a number of years after his admission to the bar. His business for a time was very good. He was well read as a lawyer, and had fair talents and information, but he was no advocate. He was very irritable in his temper, and his manner when he undertook to argue his cases was abrupt and disagreeable. Whenever a shrewd adversary wished to gain an advantage over him, a certain way was to ruffle his temper, when Peter would be sure to spoil his own cause. As competitors gathered around him, in Brunswick and the neighboring towns, his business declined, and he was left almost briefless. To make good the deficiencies arising from these causes, he engaged in commercial operations, which for a time were successful, but which were suddenly and sadly blasted by the restrictions on mercantile transactions which took place prior to the war of 1812. The latter portion of his life was embittered by disappointment and poverty, which produced hypochondria, and left him a wreck. His death occurred February 14, 1843. His wife survived him a few years, and died among her kindred, in York.

Mr. Alden was large and bulky, but not well proportioned. He was, as may be inferred from the faults of this temperament, unpopular in the community in which his life was spent; but by some reaction in 1826, perhaps from sympathy, he was elected to the House of Representatives, and re-elected the three following years, growing each time in favor, until his election in 1829 was nearly unanimous.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Willis's *The Law, the Courts, and the Lawyers of Maine*.



## ALLEN, REV. WILLIAM, D. D.

William Allen, D. D., an American clergyman and author, son of Thomas Allen, born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, January 2, 1784, died in Northampton, July 16, 1868.

He graduated at Harvard College in 1802, and studied theology with the Rev. Doctor Pierce, of Brookline.

After being licensed in 1804 by the Berkshire Association, he preached for some months in various parts of Western New York. Upon his return he was appointed a regent of Harvard College, and was also assistant librarian of the college.

During this period he prepared the first edition of his "American Biographical and Historical Dictionary" (1809), containing notices of about seven hundred Americans. This was the first book of general biography issued in the United States. In 1807 he prepared the biographical sketches of American ministers for the Reverend David Bogue's and Bennett's "History of Dissenters," published in London in four volumes. The second edition of his dictionary appeared in 1832, and contained more than 1,800 names.

The third edition, published in Boston in 1857, contains biographies and notices of nearly 7,000 Americans. His connection with the university ceased in 1810, when he was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in Pittsfield, as his father's successor.

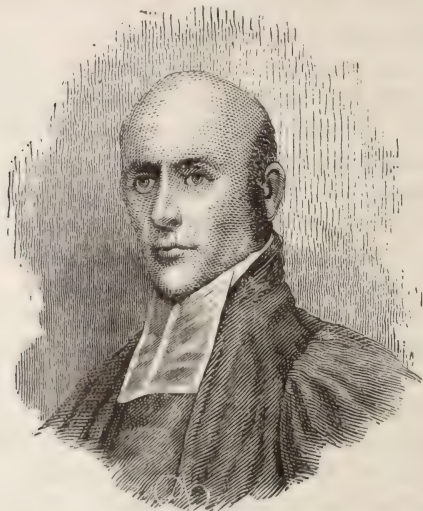
The legislature of New Hampshire in 1816 altered the charter of Dartmouth College, and created in its stead a university, of which Doctor Allen was made president in 1817. Upon an appeal to the Supreme Court at Washington, the rights of the college against the State were maintained in 1819. In 1820, Doctor Allen was appointed president of Bowdoin College, Maine, and retained that position till 1839, when he resigned it, and retired to Northampton, Massachusetts, engaging in various literary labors. Among these is a collection of more than 10,000 words not found in dictionaries of the English language; nearly 1,500 being contributed to Worcester's Dictionary (1846), more than 4,000 to Webster's (1854), and about 6,000 to the new edition of Webster. His other chief writings are, "Junius Unmasked," to prove that Lord Sackville was the real Junius; "Accounts of Shipwrecks"; "Psalms and Hymns," with many original hymns (1835); "Memoirs of Doctor Eleazar Wheelock and of Doctor John Codman" (1853); "Wunnisoo; or, The Vale of Hoosatunnuk," a poem with learned notes (1856); "Christian Sonnets" (1860);

“Poems of Nazareth and the Cross” (1866); and “Sacred Songs” (1876).<sup>1</sup>

APPLETON, JESSE, D. D.

Reverend Jesse Appleton was born at New Ipswich, New Hampshire, November 17, 1772. He married, in 1800, Miss Elizabeth Means. He died in Brunswick, November 12, 1819.

Reverend Mr. Appleton graduated at Dartmouth College in 1792, and subsequently entered the ministry. He was elected president of Bowdoin College in September, 1807, and was inaugurated in December following. He took an active part in the instructions of the college, and was noted for his punctuality in the discharge of duty. “Aside from the common routine of his college duties, as a gratuitous service,



he composed, with great care, a course of more than fifty lectures on the most important subjects in theology. They were delivered once a week, in the chapel, to the whole college, and were always listened to with deep attention by the students. A part of them have been published in a volume with a few of his sermons, and in connection with his baccalaureate addresses, which are before the public in a separate volume, place him in the highest rank of the theological and ethical writers of our country. During his life, sermons, which he preached on several interesting and important occasions, were published. In truth, Pres-

<sup>1</sup> *American Cyclopædia*, Vol. 1, p. 330.

ident Appleton lived not in vain. He was a most diligent student and a laborious man. His varied attainments in philology and criticism, of which, particularly in reference to our own language, he was very fond; in mental and moral philosophy, to which his habits of mind were peculiarly adapted; and in theology, which was his favorite study, all combined with a fine taste, admirably qualified him to preside over a literary institution. When we add to these qualifications his uncommon dignity and courtesy of demeanor, and those traits of character which have already been mentioned, we cannot but regard him as one of the most able and most valuable among the presidents of our colleges."<sup>1</sup>

#### BADGER, CAPTAIN NATHANIEL.

Nathaniel Badger was a son of Joseph Badger, and was born in Gilmantown, New Hampshire, in March, 1789. He moved, with his father, to Franklin County, and afterward came to Brunswick. He married Jane, daughter of Philip Owen, of Brunswick. In early life he followed the sea, but afterwards for many years was a trader in Brunswick.

"For twenty-three years Captain Badger was annually elected town clerk (1837-1859 inclusive), the duties of which office he discharged with great fidelity, his record being ever clearly and intelligently made. He was also a conveyancer, and was remarkable for the accuracy with which he performed his work, for the urbanity and courtesy which marked his conduct when transacting this class of business; he was no less remarkable for the stern integrity of his character, for his rigid adhesion to all the required forms of business. For some time he was postmaster of Brunswick, and he filled this post to the full acceptance of his fellow-citizens. Genial in his temper, appreciative of the humor which warms but never stings, he was a most cheerful companion, his rich, merry laugh over a good story or witty saying being in the highest degree sympathetic and encouraging. A man of rare good sense, his judgment upon public matters was greatly to be relied upon."

He died September 13, 1866.

#### BADGER, CAPTAIN JOSEPH.

Joseph Badger, a brother to Nathaniel, was born in 1791. He was married to Eunice Noyes. In early manhood he was a sea-captain, afterwards had a large interest in navigation, and at the time of his

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<sup>1</sup> *History of Bowdoin College, Quarterly Register, 1835. Packard.*



death was president of the Pejepscot Bank. "A methodical man, he conducted his business with great exactness, was kind, charitable in his feelings, gave freely, and in many instances with unusual liberality, and ever manifested the liveliest interest in the comforts and pleasures of the young, doing his best to contribute to them." He died in Brunswick, March 27, 1863.

#### BAKER, WILLIAM.

Mr. William Baker was born in 1811. He was an apothecary for many years in Brunswick. He was a man of a genial temper, of stern integrity of character, and of whole-hearted generosity.

He was a kind and generous husband and father and a good citizen. He was a Freemason, and acted as secretary of the Brunswick Lodge for about twelve years.

For many years he was a member of the First Parish Church, and in his relations of life observed a consistent Christian character. He died December 22, 1867.

#### BALLARD, REVEREND EDWARD, D. D.

The subject of this sketch was born at Hopkinton, New Hampshire, November 11, 1804.

He died at Brunswick, November 14, 1870. He graduated at the General Theological Seminary, New York, in 1829, and was ordained a deacon of the Episcopal Church on July 5 of that year. He was ordained as priest September 16, 1830. From 1829 to 1832 he was a missionary and rector in St. Luke's Church, North Charlestown, and in St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, New Hampshire. He was rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, from 1848 to 1852. From 1852 to 1858 he was principal of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut. He was received into the Diocese of Maine, June 22, 1858, and was made missionary and rector of St. Paul's Church, Brunswick, in 1858. He was secretary of the Maine Diocese from 1860 to 1869, of which he was, at the time of his death, the Senior Presbyter and President of the Standing Committee. He was representative of this Diocese to the General Convention of Episcopalians, to the General Board of Missions, and to the General Theological Seminary. Doctor Ballard received the degree of Master of Arts at Dartmouth in 1830, at Trinity in 1845, and at Bowdoin College in 1858. He received the degree of S. T. D. at Trinity in 1865. Doctor Ballard was much interested in educational matters, and especially in what is called the common-school system of the State. He was appointed

State Superintendent of Common Schools, and filled that office from 1865 to 1868. He was also interested in historical matters, as is seen from his contributions to the publications of the Maine Historical Society, of which he was a member, and of which he served as secretary from 1861 until his decease.

Reverend Doctor Ballard was a self-educated man, his early advantages of education being slight. He was a tall, stout, and muscular man, but yet not very robust. He was esteemed as a faithful and loving pastor, and was especially fond of children. "Humility, equanimity, gentleness, and fidelity were perhaps the most conspicuous virtues in his character. But firmness in his convictions and unwavering loyalty to the church, under whose orders he served, were no less remarkable in his teachings and public action. His wisdom and moderation made him an excellent counsellor, his kindness, unselfishness, and amiability the most desirable of friends, and I know not in what Christian attainment he was not a worthy exemplar.

"His manliness was apparent, while there was a touch of womanly tenderness in his character. Whatever responsibility was laid upon him was faithfully discharged. He was a large-hearted man, a generous man, far beyond his means a friend of the poor."

#### BARRON, HONORABLE JOHN.

Mr. Barron was born in Dracut, Massachusetts, in 1792. He went with his father to Danville, Maine, about 1796, where he lived until he removed to Topsham, about 1813. He did not, however, establish himself there permanently until 1820. In 1817 he married Martha Crockett, of Danville. He died in 1860. During his forty years' residence in Topsham he was known as an active and influential citizen, and often filled offices of trust. He was a member of the State Senate in 1850.

The following is from an obituary notice by Reverend Doctor Adams:—

"For a long course of years Mr. Barron was extensively and successfully engaged in the lumbering business, and was one of the most industrious and enterprising of the many energetic and laborious men who in this occupation have contributed so much to the growth and prosperity of our State.

"Being vigorously honest and of an excellent judgment, he possessed the confidence of all who knew him, there being no man whose opinion in relation to the lumbering business was more sought after than his. And though unobtrusive and retiring, and not inclined to

volunteer unasked advice, he was ever ready to give good counsel where he thought it would be well received. He was a man of quick feelings and generous impulses, and many are the deeds of his kindness, done quietly and unpretendingly, by which, we trust, he laid up treasures in heaven; a kind husband, an indulgent father, often speaking to friends, when absent from home, of his family, and declaring it to be his chief object and desire to see his children started happily in life. His last illness, caused by an internal cancer, as supposed, was very distressing, continuing more than two years. In politics Mr. Barron was a Whig. In his religious views he was a Trinitarian Congregationalist, uniting with the church of that denomination in Topsham, about 1840."

#### BARRON, WILLIAM.

William Barron was born April, 1797, and moved to Topsham about 1816. "For many years, in company with his brother John, he carried on lumbering, and the firm, through its business energy and enterprise, secured a handsome fortune to each of the brothers. William Barron, at the time of his death, was president of the Pejepscot National Bank, in Brunswick, a position that he filled with marked ability and acceptance. He ever sustained the character of an upright man, a good citizen, and a benevolent, Christian gentleman. He was one of the deacons in the Baptist Church, in Topsham." He died in Topsham, January 18, 1866.

#### BOARDMAN, ALEXANDER F.

Alexander F. Boardman was born at Aux Cayes, Hayti, in 1819. He was educated principally at Hildreth Academy, at Derry, New Hampshire, but finished his studies at North Yarmouth. He entered Bowdoin College in the fall of 1834, but was compelled to leave in his Sophomore year, on account of weak eyes. He afterwards engaged in the dry-goods business in Brunswick, and continued in trade until the time of his death. He was among the first persons in Brunswick who dealt in dry-goods only, and he carried on a large business. He was a kind father, husband, friend, and neighbor, known and esteemed by all. He died November 29, 1876.

#### CLEAVELAND, PROFESSOR PARKER.

The following sketch of this distinguished man is abridged from the eulogy of Reverend Leonard Woods, D. D., it being impossible for words of ours to add anything of interest or value thereto.



Those who desire to read the full account of the life and character of this really remarkable man will find it in the eulogy referred to, which is published in the Collections of the Maine Historical Society, Vol. VI, pp. 381 to 432.

Parker Cleaveland, M. D., of Byfield, Massachusetts, the second son of Reverend John Cleaveland, was the father of the subject of this sketch. Doctor Cleaveland married, in 1773, Elizabeth Jackman. Their only child, PARKER, was born in Byfield, January 15, 1780. He was married in Boston, September 9, 1806, by Reverend John Elliot, S. T. D., to Martha Bush, who was born in Boylston, Massachusetts, on August 19, 1787. They had five sons and three daughters. Professor Cleaveland died August 15, 1858.



Professor Parker Cleaveland inherited the powerful intellect and the active and cheerful temperament of his father, and also somewhat of the physical and psychological infirmities of his mother, especially the electrical excitability of the latter, whom he is said to have resembled in the general cast of his features.

During his childhood he gave many indications of that clearness and vigor of mind for which he was afterwards distinguished. On one occasion, when only four years old, having answered a question which had been put to him with a wisdom above his years, and being asked who told him that, he replied, *I told myself*. He was remarkable, even at that age, for a certain constitutional timidity and for

great reserve in the expression of his feelings. Though he was known to have strong affections, he never showed them in the ordinary way. On account of his studious tastes and peculiar temperament, his father decided to give him an education, and therefore sent him to prepare for college to the famous Dummer Academy, which was situated in his native parish, on the Newbury side, about two and one half miles from his home. The preceptor of the academy at this time was Reverend Isaac Smith. He entered Harvard College in 1795, before he was sixteen years old, and became at once a general favorite. Though he was led by his high spirits and social nature to mingle freely in scenes of pleasure, there is ample evidence that he was never seduced into any neglect of his college duties, into any conflict with the college authorities, or any abandonment of the moral and religious principles in which he had been educated. If during the day and evening he indulged himself in the society of his boon companions, he would retire at night to his chamber, darken his window, and while supposed to be asleep, would push his studies far into the morning.

The natural sciences had so little place at this time in the college course that he did not then lay the foundation of his future success in this department. He was, however, a proficient in Greek.

He was graduated in due course in 1799, enjoying the reputation among his fellow-students of being the best general scholar and the man of most talent and promise, though not bearing off the highest honors of his class. In his Junior year he had taught school in vacation, in Boxford, and in his Senior year in Wilmington. After he left college, he taught for a few months in Haverhill. From thence, in March, 1800, he went to York in this State, where he taught the central town school for three years. As a school-master, he exhibited the same skill in teaching, the same strictness of discipline, the same power to attach his pupils to himself and to awaken their enthusiasm, which he displayed afterwards in the higher spheres to which he was called. Notwithstanding his eminent success as a teacher, he did not at this time think of taking teaching as a vocation.

On his leaving college, it was his purpose to study law; and accordingly, when he went to Haverhill to teach, he at the same time entered his name in the law office of Ichabod Tucker, Esquire. When he moved to York, he engaged himself as assistant to Daniel Sewall, Esquire, who was at that time Clerk of the Courts and Register of Probate, and also village postmaster; and during his vacations and at the intervals of his school hours, gave his aid in those several

offices. As Mr. Sewall's assistant, he sometimes attended the courts, and was also occasionally engaged in justice business. Although thus engaged while at York, his intention of devoting himself to the profession of law was shaken by his own distaste for the business, though not of the study itself, and still more by the earnest desire of his parents that he should study divinity. For several years his mind was agitated about the matter, but he finally determined in favor of the ministry, and placing himself under the direction of his uncle, Reverend John Cleaveland, of North Wrentham, he pursued his studies at his home in Byfield.

While he was thus engaged, he received, near the close of October, 1803, information through President Willard that "he was chosen tutor of Harvard College, to succeed Mr. Emerson, in the department of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy." He promptly accepted the appointment, and commenced, November 23, with the instruction of the Senior class in Enfield.

About 1804 he made a public profession of religion in the church in which he had been baptized. In 1805 he determined to discontinue his tutorship and to enter upon a professional life. Although his religious views had not changed, he found the question of his future profession again unsettled, owing to his conscientious scruples about entering upon one to which he felt that he had no certain and unmis-takable call. He therefore again determined to enter the profession of law, and had some thought of settling in the then new town of Bangor.

At a meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, August 30, 1804, he was appointed, with Dr. Kirkland and others, to superintend the publication of the "Literary Miscellany." To this he contributed two articles from his own pen, viz., a review of Morse's "Gazetteer," and of Darwin's "Temple of Nature." The "Miscellany" did not continue its existence long after his connection with it ceased.

May 15, 1805, by the unanimous vote of both boards, he was chosen Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, in Bowdoin College. He at first declined it on the ground "that it would involve the sacrifice of the profession which he had chosen, and the time which he had spent in preparing for it." He was, however, prevailed upon to accept the appointment, though he took out certificates of qualification as far as he had proceeded in the law, and kept them for future use should occasion require.

He was inducted into office October 23, 1805, being scarcely twenty-five years of age. He entered at once upon the duties of his profes-



sorship, which he continued to discharge without intermission to the day of his death, a period of fifty-three years.

During the early period of his professorship he paid some attention to the ancient classics, read the standard authors in English and French literature, and even indulged his poetic faculty. He is reported, on good authority, to have written, soon after coming to Brunswick, an ode on some public occasion, which was set to music and sung.

There being no instruction at that time in Bowdoin College in any of the branches of natural science except those of mathematics and natural philosophy, Professor Cleaveland set to work to prepare himself to supply the deficiency, and in 1808 gave his first course of lectures on chemistry and mineralogy. For this voluntary service he was afterwards paid by the Boards two hundred dollars, and this sum was continued to him thereafter. From that time he bore, in addition, the title of Lecturer in Chemistry and Mineralogy until 1828, when it was changed to Professor in these branches. During this early period he wrote several papers recording certain meteorological, geological, and astronomical observations made by him, which were published in the third and fourth volumes of the *Memoirs of the American Academy*.

The finding by the workmen in the Topsham sluiceway excavation, in 1807, of substances entirely new to them, attracted his attention and led him to the study of mineralogy, which he pursued so assiduously that in 1816 he published his "Elementary Treatise on Mineralogy and Geology." This work, making its appearance at just the time when such a treatise was imperatively demanded, was a perfect success, and placed the author at once in the front rank of living mineralogists. The work, the first of its kind in America, was immediately noticed in terms of high commendation by the leading literary and scientific journals at home and abroad, among others by Silliman's "Journal of Science and Arts" and by the "North American" and "Edinburgh Review." It was used as a text-book in Cambridge University (England). In 1822 a second and enlarged edition was issued. In recognition of Professor Cleaveland's services, his name was given to a species of feldspar before known as albite, and to a compartment in the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. He was noticed by the most eminent *savans* of Europe, including Goethe. He received letters of respect and congratulation from Sir David Brewster, Sir Humphrey Davy, and Dr. McCulloch, in England; from Berzelius of Stockholm, Germar of Halle, Brouguier, Baron Cuvier, and the Abbé Haug, of Paris. He received visits of regard from Colonel Gibbs, Godon, Maclure, and many others devoted to this department of science. He

received diplomas of membership from sixteen or more literary and scientific societies, including those established in the principal capitals of Europe. He received offers of professorships — some of them with offers of salary double his own — from Harvard College in Massachusetts, from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, from the University of William and Mary in Virginia, from Princeton College in New Jersey, from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, and from the University of Pennsylvania. He was later appointed one of the commissioners for the survey of the New England boundary by President Van Buren, and Regent of the Smithsonian Institute by President Pierce.

His reputation as a lecturer on chemistry extended far beyond the college walls. He was often urged to deliver his course of chemical lectures in several of the principal towns in Maine and the adjoining States. In the winter vacations of 1818, 1819, and 1820, he did deliver the courses in Hallowell, Portland, and Portsmouth, but always after refused to deliver them away from his own laboratory. Upon the establishment of the Maine Medical School in 1820, he was appointed Professor of Chemistry and *Materia Medica*, and at the first meeting of the Medical Faculty he was appointed secretary.

From this time forward his first thoughts and best endeavors were given to his chemical lectures. There was no confusion in his thoughts, and none in his discourse. By his calm and simple style, and its easy and uninterrupted flow, by his lucid order, by the earnestness of his manner, by the interest with which he seemed to regard the smallest and most common things pertaining to his theme, by his happy illustrations and never-failing experiments, and by his occasional sallies of wit and good-humor, he carried along the delighted attention of his hearers without weariness to the end of his hour, making plain to them what had been obscure, investing even trivial things, by a salutary illusion, with an air of importance, and in short, accomplishing, in a manner which has never been surpassed, the great object of conveying to the mind of the learner definite notions and useful knowledge on the subject under consideration.

Such was Professor Cleaveland as a lecturer on chemistry. It is in this capacity, more perhaps than in any other, that he has been thought to have distanced all competition. It is in this capacity, certainly, that all his peculiar excellences appeared to the best advantage; and it is, accordingly, as a lecturer on chemistry that he has been for many years principally distinguished, and that he will be most distinctly and gratefully remembered by his thousand admiring pupils.

In his external appearance and to a casual observer, Professor Cleaveland was stern and austere, and on a sudden provocation or any obtrusive impertinence was sometimes passionate and violent. But underlying these rugged austerities on the surface of his character and constantly cropping out from beneath them, to use a term of his own, there was a large-hearted nature, an exhaustless vein of kindly and generous feelings. This essential goodness of heart was often repressed and concealed by his constitutional reserve of manner, but not seldom did it break through the outward crust, and diffuse over his features a benignant expression, and give to the tones of his voice and to his manners a winning gentleness. It was manifested in his domestic relations, especially in the gentle courtesy with which he always bore himself toward the worthy partner of his life. It was manifested to his classes, in his friendly interest for them, in his earnest desire for their improvement, and in his frank and familiar intercourse with them out of the lecture-room.

Though retired in his habits, he felt a lively interest in the general welfare, and, until overburdened with official engagements, took an active part in all measures for promoting the public good. In 1814 he delivered an address before The Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell Society for the Suppression of Intemperance, which was published by their request. In 1825, after the occurrence of the fire in which the factory and a large part of the adjoining district were consumed, he interested himself in organizing a fire company, and was chosen its first commander. Though he was then in the zenith of his fame, and had declined the most distinguished offices to which he was called from abroad, he gladly accepted this village appointment, and held it, to universal acceptance, for twenty years. It is hardly necessary to say that whenever a fire broke out, by night or by day, he was always first on the ground, always managed the hose-pipe, and always stood, when duty required, in the place of the greatest exposure.

His general and excessive timidity cannot be passed over in silence. The stories which have been current for the last fifty years in regard to his fear of lightning, however apparently incredible, are yet substantially correct. It is related by persons who were inmates of his house in the early period of his residence in Brunswick that during a thunder-storm it was his wont to lie on a feather-bed, taking care that the bedstead should be removed to a good distance from the wall; and that a rising cloud, which gave signs of being charged with electricity, had, in some cases, kept him from his recitation-room, in others, driven him home from college or from church in the midst of the services, and



that it was not until his house was well protected by two lightning-rods that he was able, on such occasions, to maintain any tolerable tranquillity. But it was not in regard to lightning only that he was a timid man. It was this extremity of caution which prevented him from travelling, and finally circumscribed his motions within a few miles from his own door. Long before the stage-coach was supplanted by the railway car, it had become too dangerous a vehicle for him. His last journey to Boston, now some twenty years back, was made in a one-horse chaise. It is no wonder that he never repeated the experiment, obliged as he was, on that occasion, to make a tedious detour through the upper counties, to avoid the long and dangerous bridges on the lower route. This infirmity was undoubtedly inherited from his mother, and had its seat in his physical rather than in his moral nature. He could be brave enough when he thought his duty required him to be.

Another marked characteristic of Professor Cleaveland, which deserves a passing notice, was his aversion to change, his attachment to a settled routine, his tenacity of the ways to which he had become wonted, in short, his intense conservatism of character. Each duty of the day, from his rising up in the morning to his lying down at night, had its allotted time and place.

But no proper estimate can be formed of Professor Cleaveland's character without taking into view its moral and religious elements. There are few men in whom the sense of duty has been higher or more active, or whose lives have been more strictly governed by it. It was his great endeavor in every condition of life, and especially in his official relations, to be found faithful. His habitual and cheerful self-denial, his constant sacrifice of personal ease and comfort, his careful husbandry of time in which even the fragments were gathered up, his stern disallowance of all light reading and unnecessary recreation, his midnight toils, his careful preparation for his recitations and lectures, his punctual and never-failing attendance upon them, and the earnestness which he carried into them, were all inspired and ennobled by his sense of official duty. This, perhaps, more than any other principle, was the deepest spring and the crowning excellence of his character.

#### COBURN, JOHN.

The subject of this sketch was one of a family of eleven children. His parents, Captain Peter and Mrs. Elizabeth Coburn, resided in the town of Dracut, Massachusetts, where John was born, June 1, 1785. He was married in 1815 to Rachel, daughter of John Dunning,

of Brunswick. She died March 30, 1816, aged twenty-eight years, leaving an infant, John Dunning Coburn. Mr. Coburn married for his second wife Rebecca Dunning, a sister of Rachel, March 11, 1823. She died in Topsham, January 3, 1850, aged nearly seventy years. He died in Topsham, December 1, 1865.

The first fifteen years of Mr. Coburn's life were passed with his parents, assisting his father in the labors of the farm. But having a delicate constitution, and not being thought to possess sufficient bodily vigor to prosecute with success the business of agriculture, he then left home in order to qualify himself for mercantile pursuits. For some time he was a student in Phillips Academy, Andover. Leaving Andover, he spent some time in teaching, after which he went into the store of Mr. Philemon Chandler, in Dover, New Hampshire, where he remained until he was twenty-one. The next year he was in Mr. Joshua Bradley's store in Dracut, Massachusetts, and the next (1808) we find him at Brunswick.

On his first coming to Brunswick he was concerned in business with his uncle, Nathaniel Poor. After that he went into business by himself. Then, for a time, he was connected with Hon. David Dunlap, and still later with his brother, General Richard T. Dunlap, the term of his agreement with the latter expiring June 2, 1832.

In the year 1834, on the organization of the Androscoggin Bank in Topsham, he was appointed cashier, and removed his residence to that side of the river. He continued to hold the same office in the bank until the expiration of its charter, in 1854.

Mr. Coburn was always ready to do his full share in promoting the welfare of the community in which he lived, and enjoyed the entire confidence of his fellow-citizens. While a resident of Brunswick, he interested himself in schools, in societies for mutual improvement, and was for many years an active member of the Washington Fire Club. For some ten years he was town treasurer, and for several years assisted the late John Abbott as treasurer of Bowdoin College. He held the office of justice of the peace for the county of Lincoln, and of notary-public, was often arbitrator in the settlement of vexed questions, and executor and administrator of estates, in whom the widow and orphan found a wise counsellor and a kind friend. Once during the illness of the State treasurer, he performed the duties of his office. Indeed, that office was tendered to him by prominent members of the party in power, on condition that he would go over to their side, but he declined the offer, though he was at the time out of business.

“Mr. Coburn was a man of an amiable disposition, strong in his attachments, thoughtful of others, fond of children, firm in his adherence to what he deemed to be right and strict in the observance of the Sabbath. He had a sound judgment and a benevolent heart. He was an honest man and one who would rather overpay than underpay one in his employ. A few days before his death he said what many men of colossal fortunes cannot say, and what others of equal integrity with himself have been prevented by misfortune from saying, ‘I believe no man ever lost a dollar by me.’”

In his religious views Mr. Coburn was a Unitarian. When the church of that denomination was formed in Topsham, he was the first to record his name, and when the society in Brunswick was constituted he enrolled his name there. He always contributed according to his ability for the support of public worship, and for fifteen years he was never absent from a single communion service.

#### CURTIS, CAPTAIN NEHEMIAH.

Captain Curtis was born in Hanover, Massachusetts, in 1733, and died December 26, 1816. He was a selectman, a member of the Committee of Safety, etc., and commanded the militia before and during the Revolutionary war. He was an active patriot during that war, and did good service in defending the town of Harpswell from marauding bands of Tories who were not British soldiers. It is said that he killed and captured some of the leaders. His force consisted of volunteers from the citizens of the town. Captain Curtis led a company in the unfortunate “Bagaduce Expedition.” He discharged with honor and fidelity the several offices he held.

#### CUSHING, CALEB.

Caleb Cushing was born in Cohasset, Massachusetts, April 2, 1777. When quite young he went to Boston and served apprenticeship in the tailoring establishment of Samuel Beals. He afterwards worked at his trade in Portland, then in Georgetown (now Phippsburg), and in September, 1797, he came to Brunswick, where he located himself permanently. About 1800 he built a two-story frame shop on the west side of Maine Street, and a two-story frame dwelling-house on the opposite side of the street, next north of the Tontine Hotel, which he occupied till his death. About 1825 he built a large frame building on the corner of Maine and Pleasant Streets, where Lemont Block now stands, which was occupied by himself and sons in trade for many years, and until within a few years the locality was known as “Cushings’ Corner.” He married, in 1801, Mary Dunning,



daughter of the late John Dunning. She died November 13, 1808, aged thirty-one years. He married again December 5, 1814, Dolly Owen, daughter of the late Philip Owen. She died in Augusta, April 29, 1865, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Cushing was in 1817 elected chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Brunswick, and served for seven successive years. He was a genial man, possessing the confidence and respect of the community, maintaining the strictest honor and honesty in his intercourse and dealings with all. He died quite suddenly April 14, 1838.

#### DENNISON, COLONEL ANDREW.

Andrew Dennison was born in Freeport, in 1786, came to Topsham in 1818, and to Brunswick in 1824.

In his early days he was an active and energetic politician, but always fair and above-board. He possessed a most curious and inquiring mind, and was an ingenious mechanic. For some time he acted as deputy sheriff of the county. During the war of 1812 he was orderly sergeant of a company in garrison at Fort Preble. Such was the strength of his memory, as he informed his sons, he could call every man upon that roll without once referring to his manuscript. He was afterwards a colonel of militia. He was mainly instrumental in procuring the town clock and bell on the Mason Street Church, and he was greatly interested in having accurate time kept in the village, frequently visiting the college sundial for that purpose, so long as it remained in order.

Mr. Dennison was a man devoted to all matters of public concern and to the causes of temperance and antislavery. He was always courteous and gentlemanly, was a man of Christian character, of strict integrity, and was held in high esteem by all. He died in Brunswick, July 3, 1869.

#### DUNCAN, DOCTOR SAMUEL.

Doctor Duncan, or Dunkan, as he himself spelled the word, was settled for a short time as a physician in Bath, on High Street. He next lived in Topsham for a little while, and moved to Brunswick in 1770, and practised his profession there until his death. He lived in the old Gideon Hinkley house, now owned by Chapin Weston, near Harding's Station. The north room of this house he used as his office, in one corner of which stood a skeleton which was the terror of all the children of the neighborhood as well as of many of the older persons. He was said to be very skilful in his profession, and had quite an extensive practice in West Bath and in Harpswell as well as in Brunswick. He received pay in 1770 from the town of Harpswell for attendance on

some of the poor of that town. He was a representative to the General Court in 1781. He died in 1784, in the prime of life, and was buried in the old burying-ground in West Bath.

DUNLAP, REVEREND ROBERT.

The Reverend Robert Dunlap was a zealous divine of the Presbyterian order. He was born in the North of Ireland, in the province of Ulster, county of Antrim, and parish of Barilla, within nine miles of Scotland, in the month of August, 1715. His father's name was John Dunlap and his mother's Jane Dunlap. They had but two children, — a son and daughter. Robert was the son; the daughter, whose Christian name is not known, was married to William Livingston, of Ireland.

As he had a peculiar relish for scientific pursuits, having passed through the elementary part of education, he entered as a student of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, at an early age. During his connection with this institution he sustained an excellent reputation, and made rapid progress in the natural sciences.

Having completed his collegiate course, he commenced the study of divinity. At the age of nineteen he was admitted to the degree of Master of Arts, and was immediately afterward licensed to preach the gospel, having been occupied for a considerable time in the study of theology. In the spring of the year 1736, with a number of his countrymen, he embarked for America, and arrived in this country on the nineteenth day of June following. During the voyage they were overtaken by a violent storm, and were shipwrecked on the Isle of Sable, an island in the North Atlantic Ocean, ninety miles southeast of Cape Breton. There were on board about two hundred souls, ninety-six of whom, in the very bloom of life, perished in the waters. From some flax and candles that were washed on shore from the wreck the survivors were enabled to repair the long boat, in which they went to the Isle of Canso, twenty-seven leagues distant, and about forty leagues east by north of Halifax. By the direction of Governor Shelby they were taken in a small fishing-vessel, then at that place, and carried to Cape Ann in New England.

Reverend Mr. Dunlap went immediately to Boston, where he became acquainted with the Reverend Mr. Moorehead and the Reverend Mr. McGregor, two eminent divines of that day, and joined the Presbytery of which they were members. He soon left Boston, and was for a time at Draut, Massachusetts; from there he removed to Nobleborough, Maine. After this he resided for a time at Boothbay, then at Sheepscot Bridge in Newcastle, from which place he removed to Bruns-

wick. After some time spent on probation, the town agreed, in December, 1746, to settle him as their minister, offering him an annual salary of two hundred pounds, old tenor. and to hire him a house during the war. It was agreed between Mr. Dunlap and the people that he should be ordained in Boston, and Deacon Samuel Hinkley and Mr. Ebenezer Stanwood were appointed as commissioners to repair to Boston on behalf of the town, and receive Mr. Dunlap as their minister. Accordingly, during the summer of 1747, Mr. Dunlap was ordained in Boston in the meeting-house of Reverend Andrew LeMercier, a small brick church on School Street, by a Presbytery composed of Reverend Mr. LeMercier, of Boston, Reverend Mr. Morton, of Coleraine, Reverend Mr. Davidson, of Londonderry, Reverend Mr. Wilson, and Reverend Mr. McLothlin. He was the first regularly settled minister in the town, though there had been other preachers there before him. He dwelt at first in the garrison-house of McFarland, where Day's Block now is, and afterwards on the lot granted to the first settled minister, near the old meeting-house.

Mr. Dunlap continued the minister of Brunswick about thirteen years. Some difficulties having arisen between him and the people respecting the payment of his salary, a council was proposed to advise in the case. Reverend Messrs. Smith, of Falmouth, Morrill, of Biddeford, and Lorrain were invited.

The result of this council is not now known, but it led to his dismissal, which took place in October, 1760. Reverend Mr. Dunlap was never again settled in the ministry. He is said to have been vehement and persuasive in his style of preaching, and to have taken somewhat as a model the celebrated George Whitefield, whom he became acquainted with soon after his arrival in this country. He resided in Brunswick until his death, which took place June 26, 1776.

#### DUNLAP, CAPTAIN JOHN.

Captain John Dunlap was a son of the Reverend Robert Dunlap, and was born June 19, 1738. His parents were poor, and when quite young he resolved that if energy and perseverance would accomplish it he would become rich. With this object in view he enlisted as a soldier in Fort George, but the remuneration was too small to satisfy his ambition, and he accordingly abandoned that calling and adopted that of a hunter. In this he was quite successful. He made long journeys into the wilderness, and brought back huge packs of furs, which yielded him a handsome remuneration for his labor, and gave him a fair start in the world. During one of these excursions he



became acquainted with the famous Indian chief Sabattis, who piloted Arnold and his army to Canada. Sabattis in his latter days made frequent visits to Brunswick for the purpose of seeing Captain Dunlap. Later in life Captain Dunlap was a trader, and still later he was largely interested in the lumber business and in navigation, accumulating wealth, and fulfilling the ambition of his youth. In 1803 he had become the richest man in the then District of Maine. His personal property was estimated at \$200,000. He was an active, enterprising business man and a man of unquestioned ability. He represented the town of Brunswick for six years in the General Court of Massachusetts, from 1799 to 1805 inclusive. He married, for his first wife, Jenette Dunning, by whom he had five children, Robert, John, David, Samuel, and Mary. His second wife was Mary Tappan, whom he married in 1788, and by whom he had four children, Richard T., Robert, Robert P., and Marcia Scott, who became the wife of the late Doctor Isaac Lincoln. Captain Dunlap died July 30, 1824.

#### DUNLAP, DAVID.

David Dunlap was the third son of Captain John Dunlap, and was born in Brunswick, January 21, 1778. He married, in 1821, Nancy McKeen, daughter of Reverend Joseph McKeen, the first president of Bowdoin College. Mr. Dunlap represented the town of Brunswick in the General Court of Massachusetts five years, between 1810 and 1817, and in the legislature of Maine in 1820 and subsequently. He was also called to fill various other public offices. He was for a long time a member of the Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College, and a member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He was a highly respected citizen, and was noted for his charities to benevolent objects. He died February 5, 1843.

#### DUNLAP, GENERAL RICHARD T.

General Richard T. Dunlap, son of Captain John Dunlap, was born in Brunswick, June 28, 1789. During the earlier part of his life he was engaged in mercantile business, and later in shipping and banking. He was president of the old Brunswick Bank for a number of years. He was a remarkably clear-headed man, was well posted in the news of the day, well read in history, and familiar with the antiquities of Brunswick and vicinity. He was exact and methodical in business. In politics he was an old-line Democrat, but a firm and unyielding Union man. He never, however, took an active part in

political life. He died in Brunswick, October 26, 1863, at the age of seventy-four.

#### DUNLAP, HONORABLE ROBERT PINCKNEY.

The subject of this sketch was born in Brunswick, August 17, 1794, in the house now owned and occupied by the family of the late Doctor Lincoln, in which he lived until 1800, when his parents moved into a new house, now the residence of Honorable C. J. Gilman. He fitted for college under the direction of Esquire Hasey, of Topsham. He graduated from Bowdoin in 1815. He then studied law in Brunswick, with Honorable Benjamin Orr, and in Newburyport, Massachusetts, under Ebenezer Morely, Esquire, and was admitted to the bar in 1818. He continued in the practice of his profession for many years, but his preference was for political life. He was an old-school Democrat. He served in both branches of our legislature, was a member of the executive council, and in 1834 was elected governor of Maine. He served four terms in the latter capacity. He served also for two terms — 1843 to 1847 — as a representative to Congress. He was warmly interested in the welfare of his *Alma Mater*, and filled for many years the office of president of the Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College.

He had a strong regard and affection for the Order of Freemasonry, of which he was a distinguished member and in which he attained eminence. He clung to Masonry even during its darkest days. He was several times Master of United Lodge, of Brunswick, was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and was for nine years the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States. On retiring from the last-named office he was presented by the Masons of Charleston, South Carolina, with an elegant pitcher and salver. He was also a Knight Templar, and it is said that he attained the highest degree under the Scottish rite that had, at that time, ever been conferred in America.

“As a presiding officer, whether in the Senate, the Board of Overseers, the town meeting, or in political or philanthropic conventions, Mr. Dunlap was hardly surpassed, conducting business with great accuracy, promptness, and despatch, and at the same time with a dignified impartiality.”

Governor Dunlap was generous-hearted and liberal in his disposition, kindly in his feelings to all, honest in his opinions, upright in his intentions, and manly and just in his conduct. For twenty-five years he was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, and was always friendly to the cause of temperance. He married, in 1825,

Lydia Chapman, who died January 29, 1868. At the time of his death, October 20, 1859, he was the oldest surviving member of the American Bible Society.

His burial was accompanied with more ceremony and was more fully attended than that of any other which has ever occurred in town. He was buried with Masonic ceremonies, and there were present two commanderies of Knights Templars,<sup>1</sup> with Chandler's Band, Montgomery Royal Arch Chapter, representatives of the Grand Lodge and ten subordinate Lodges,<sup>2</sup> with delegations from two others.<sup>3</sup>

#### DUNNING, ANDREW.

Andrew Dunning came from Ashburton, county of Devonshire, England. He married Susan Bond. In 1717 he arrived at Georgetown, Maine, and came to Brunswick the same year and settled at Maquoit on the lot formerly occupied by Master Samuel Dunning and now owned by Patrick McManus. He was a Presbyterian in his religious belief, and was much respected for his integrity and uprightness of character. His children were all born before he emigrated to this country. He is said to have been a blacksmith. He was buried in the old graveyard, and his gravestones are the oldest in the yard. (See epitaphs.) They were wrought and engraved by his son James. A few years before his death, his house was burned, and his wife, in endeavoring to save some money she had laid aside, fell through the floor into the cellar and was burned to death. A negro slave, who was asleep in an arch in the cellar, was with difficulty rescued by being dragged through the cellar window.

#### DUNNING, ANDREW.

Andrew Dunning, of Harpswell, was the son of William Dunning of York, and was born in 1727. In early life he followed the sea and was master of a vessel. He afterwards abandoned this calling, and settled in Harpswell about 1758. He was a prominent man in Harpswell, and was town clerk for twenty-five years, 1758-82, and selectman in 1758, 1759, 1760, and 1764. June 17, 1767, he was chosen deacon of the church in Harpswell, and held the office until his death, which took place March 27, 1808. The following incident illustrates the energy and determination of his character:—

<sup>1</sup> *Maine Commandery, No. 1, and Portland Commandery, No. 2.*

<sup>2</sup> *Portland Lodge, No. 1; Kennebec, No. 5; Solar, No. 14; Freeport, No. 23; Temple, No. 25; Village, No. 26; Hermon, No. 32; Casco, No. 36; Lafayette, No. 48; Richmond, No. 63; besides United, No. 8, to which he belonged.*

<sup>3</sup> *Tranquill, No. 29; Cumberland, No. 12.*



He once went to Halifax with a cargo of provisions, etc., and was to take a cargo of coal from thence to Virginia. A wharf was to be erected, and the coal was to be on the wharf upon his arrival. The wharf was not, however, completed, in fact, it was but just begun when he arrived. Not wishing to wait the slow movements of the wharf-builders, he took a part of his crew, went into the woods and cut and hauled out logs and assisted in building the wharf, which was the *first ever built in Halifax*.

## DUNNING, BENJAMIN.

Benjamin Dunning, of Harpswell, was town clerk in 1791 and 1792,<sup>\*</sup> justice of the peace, representative to the General Court in 1781, 1782, 1785, 1791, 1793, 1797, 1800, 1801, 1803, and 1806, and lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, and an overseer of Bowdoin College, the location of which at Brunswick he was instrumental in securing. He was a man who took a prominent part in the affairs of the town and a strong interest in education.

## DUNNING, DAVID.

David Dunning was the son of Andrew Dunning, who came over from England. He married first a daughter of John Farren,<sup>1</sup> and afterwards Mrs. Adam [Lithgow] Hunter, when she was over eighty years old.

He owned a large part of the land where the village of Brunswick now is, and erected a block-house where the post-office now stands. He received the command of a company of soldiers about 1740, and scoured the wilderness up and down the Androscoggin in pursuit of the Indians. He was one of the most active, enterprising, and respectable men of his day. He died in 1799.

## EATON, REVEREND ELISHA.

Reverend Mr. Eaton was ordained over the Third Parish in Braintree, now Randolph, Massachusetts, June 2, 1731, and was settled there until 1750. Of his previous life but little is known, or in regard to his pastorate in Randolph. From the length of his settlement there, it is fair to presume that he gave good satisfaction. He came to Merriconeag by recommendation of Mr. Alden, the first minister of Cape Elizabeth, and was installed in 1754 over the First Parish of Harpswell, which was then the Second Parish of North Yarmouth. His salary was £450 old tenor, or £60 lawful money.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *McKeen*.<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*.

Of Mr. Eaton's abilities as a preacher, or of his characteristics as a man, scarcely anything is known. That he zealously followed his chosen career is not to be doubted, but from the specimen of his Muse which was found in a book of records of baptisms performed by him, and which is the only literary specimen of his that we have seen, his theology would appear to have been of a very gloomy cast, unless the sentiment conveyed was that of an anatomist or artist, rather than of a theologian. We insert this poetical production as a fitting conclusion to this sketch.

## FINIS LAVATIONIS.

REV. E. EATON.

NAM MORTE CORREPITUR.

Ah! lovely Appearance of Death,  
 No Sight upon Earth is so fair;  
 Not all the gay Pageants that breathe,  
 Can with a dead Body compare.

With solemn Delight I survey  
 The Corpse when the Spirit is fled;  
 In Love with the beautiful Clay.  
 And longing to lie in its stead.

## EATON, REVEREND SAMUEL.

The subject of this sketch, a son of Reverend Elisha Eaton, was born in Randolph in 1736. He was fitted for college at York, by Master Moody, and entered Harvard. One of his Latin exercises while there was dated "Cambridge College, 10 of November 1762, Wednesday eleven o'clock at night." He was graduated in 1763, and for the next year he taught school in Scarboro', boarding during the time at Mr. King's, the father of Honorable Rufus King.<sup>1</sup> Rufus attended his school.

While at Cambridge, Samuel Eaton not only attended the theological course of study, but also attended medical lectures, and obtained a knowledge of the healing art that his excellent judgment afterwards enabled him to put in practice for the benefit of his people.

He was ordained in 1764, and preached his first sermon at Mr. Elwyn's meeting-house in Scarboro'. He afterwards preached at Harpswell and New Gloucester, and had a call to settle at both places. He accepted that from Harpswell, and was ordained October 24, 1764, with a salary of £66 13s. 4d. besides a settlement.

Reverend Samuel Eaton was, prior to 1820, the only resident of

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<sup>1</sup> *United States Senator in 1821.*

Harpswell who had ever received a collegiate education. He was never married, but in his later years he lived with a nephew whom he had brought up and educated at Fryeburg Academy. He was a man of remarkable energy, and when eighty-six years of age he not only attended to his ministerial duties, but also attended to the care of a barn containing eleven head of cattle, which he always fed before sunrise in the morning.

Samuel Eaton was a ripe scholar and a man of thought. His knowledge of religious doctrines was both thorough and discriminating. He possessed great eloquence, and people flocked from all quarters to meeting to hear him, notwithstanding his sermons were written with all the old scholastic divisions and repetitions. "He never separated religion from morality in his catechisings, which all the children attended in the different school-houses. He impressed upon them not merely the doctrines of religion; but the practical duties of it. He was of most commanding presence, and possessed a natural dignity which was not diminished by the old dress and wigs that he never laid aside. For this reason and on account of a rare executive talent that he possessed, he was generally chosen to preside in all deliberative assemblies where he was present. His own people were justly proud of his abilities and fame. He was possessed of a keen wit and was never at a loss for a reply." He was also peculiarly fearless in the expression of his opinions. What he thought he never was afraid to abide by. In the war of the Revolution he was an ardent patriot, and exerted all his abilities in the cause of his country. In that struggle he had the sentiment of the people with him, but in the war of 1812, he was in the minority, and opposed the war and its abettors with all his might.

During the Revolutionary war a recruiting officer came to Harpswell, but failed to obtain any men. On Sunday morning he called at the parsonage and said, "Mr. Eaton, cannot you do something for me and the cause?" Mr. Eaton replied, "It is my communion Sabbath, sir. I can have nothing to do with secular subjects, but if you will remain till night I will call the people together on the Common, and I will speak to them from the horse block."

In 1812, when he was being looked upon with some suspicion as regarded his patriotism, he referred to this meeting on the Common, in conversation with Reverend Elijah Kellogg, of Portland, and said, "When the services of the day were over I went to my house, opened the Bible, and my eye fell upon the words, 'Cursed be he that holdeth back his sword from blood.' I spake an hour from those words,



and there were thirty men ready to march the next morning, and yet *now* they call me a *Tory*." Though like the rest of his party patriotic at heart, he was a Federalist in his political belief, and bitterly opposed the embargo and the war of 1812. Preaching about that time at Freeport, he began his prayer thus, "Lord, thou hast commanded us to pray for our enemies, and we will commence with Tom Jefferson, if he is not beyond the reach of mercy." He proceeded in like manner to pray for each member of the Cabinet. According to the traditionary account of this service, the Secretary of State was present, being accidentally detained there over the Sabbath, while on a journey.

In old times it was customary for judges of court to ride together over the circuit. Upon one occasion they reached Brunswick on Saturday evening, and concluded to remain until Sunday afternoon, and then proceed to Wiscasset, where the court was to be held. The First Parish in Brunswick was at that time without a pastor, and Parson Eaton was therefore sent for to preach in the forenoon. He did so, preaching a powerful sermon, and at the close of his remarks, knowing the intention of the judges was to proceed on their way in the afternoon, he alluded to their presence in his prayer, and thanked the Lord "that the magistrates of the Commonwealth cherished such respect for the laws and the Sabbath, that they would not violate either by travelling on the Lord's day."

The judges were so much interested by the sermon they had heard, and were so amused by the palpable hit given them by the pastor in his prayer, that they resolved to remain and attend service in the afternoon. During the intermission they sought an introduction to Mr. Eaton, and were much pleased with his conversation. On their way to Wiscasset they made a contribution, and sent to Boston and purchased the wig, a very fine one, of Judge Lothrop, who had recently died, and sent it to Mr. Eaton, as a testimonial of their esteem. The parson was buried with this wig on his head.

As has been said, Mr. Eaton was a man of very commanding presence, especially with this wig upon his head. He was once taken for an English judge, by an Irishman in the employ of President McKean. This man, seeing him approaching with his cane, wig, and cocked hat, and fearing an arrest, dropped an axe which he held, and ran, and was never again seen in Brunswick.

The following anecdote will serve to display his ready wit. Upon one occasion he was chosen moderator of a public meeting. He declined, and nominated "Father" Scott, who was a man of small

stature, feeble voice, and very retiring manner, in his place. Mr. Scott declined, saying, "Mr. Eaton, there is more dignity in your wig than in my whole body." "Take the wig then," replied Mr. Eaton, catching it off his own head and placing it upon Father Scott's.<sup>1</sup>

#### ELLIS, REVEREND JONATHAN.

The subject of this sketch was born in Franklin, Connecticut, April 11, 1762. His father was Reverend John Ellis, a graduate of Harvard, class of 1750, and a chaplain in the Revolutionary army.

Jonathan fitted for college at New London, and graduated at Yale in 1786. In his Senior year he received a prize for excellence in writing. He came to Topsham on probation in July, 1788; was ordained over the church and society of the First Parish, September 16, 1789, and was the first settled minister in Topsham. He remained over this society ten years, being obliged a portion of the time to teach school in addition to his parochial duties, in consequence of the inadequacy of his salary. He was informally dismissed in September, 1799. He remained in town, however, teaching school and occasionally preaching, until August, 1811, when he left his home and went to New York State, and afterwards to Delaware to teach.

During his residence in Topsham, Mr. Ellis took a warm interest in educational matters and in town matters generally. He fitted quite a number of young men for college, among them John McKeen, Lithgow Hunter, Dean Swift, John Patten, of Bowdoinham, Joseph Sprague, Benjamin Randall, and others. He was a member of the original Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College, the first secretary of this board, and a member of the examining committee until he resigned these offices in 1811.

Very little is known of him as a preacher, but he must have been, on the whole, pleasing to the majority of his people, or he could hardly have maintained his position for the length of time he did, over a society made up of somewhat discordant elements. In his theological views he was an Orthodox Congregationalist. Some of his leading parishioners were Presbyterians, and it was doubtless chiefly due to this fact that his connection with the parish as its pastor was severed.

His reputation as a writer and a scholar was excellent. He was a superior Latin scholar. He was also considerably interested in historical researches, and wrote an historical sketch of Topsham which

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers and Kellogg's MS. Lecture on Harpswell.*

was printed in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. In February, 1800, he delivered an elogy on Washington at the old First Parish Church in Topsham. The manuscript of that elogy is now in the possession of his son, Doctor Asher Ellis, of Brunswick, and it shows that its author had a poetical talent of more than ordinary merit. He was a member of the Massachusetts General Court in 1806, and that year he delivered an oration on the Fourth of July, at the Court House in Topsham, "before the Federal Republicans of Brunswick and Topsham." The audience passed a vote of thanks, and the oration was afterwards published at the office of the *Portland Gazette*.

The following extract from his diary is inserted as an evidence both of the ability of the man as a writer and of his Christian character:—

"December 31, 1800. This day we close the year 1800 and the eighteenth century. Great and important scenes have been disclosed on the theatre of human action in the past century, more especially in the latter part of it. The new empire formed by the Union and Independence of the American Colonies in this western world excited the attention of the European nations, which had scarcely subsided when the scene began to disclose in France which has greatly injured all and destroyed some of the nations of Europe and astonished mankind. Where or when this scene of revolution and devastation will end God only knows. To the wise and good this reflection that He governs the world, restraining the wrath of man and causing it to praise him, affords support and consolation. May I be ever under his fear, constantly devoted to his service, and be enabled to say with full consent of mind, Thy will, O God, be done. Amen."

#### EMERSON, DOCTOR EBENEZER.

Doctor Ebenezer Emerson came to Maine from Reading, Massachusetts. The date and place of his birth are both unknown. He moved to Topsham, and occupied the house now occupied by Swanzey Wilson. He married Sally Stinson, a sister of Captain John Stinson, of Woolwich, and afterward married Beckey, daughter of Reverend John Miller, of Brunswick. His intention of marriage to her was recorded December 20, 1792. His second wife survived him and married again.

Doctor Emerson was a tall, raw-boned man. He was liberally educated, but was an odd character. He kept a span of mules with which he drove about to visit his patients. He died prior to 1798.



## ESTABROOK, COLONEL THOMAS S.

Colonel Thomas S. Estabrook was born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, August 24, 1777. He served his time as a baker at New Ipswich, New Hampshire, where he married Judith Nichols. He removed to Hopkinton, New Hampshire, where he lived two years. In 1801 he came to Brunswick, where he ever after lived, with the exception of one year, 1817, when he lived at Norfolk, Virginia. At first he kept a bakery, but afterwards engaged in trade. He was one of the first mail-carriers between Brunswick and Augusta, and ran the first passenger coach between these towns. He was a Freemason. He started the first light infantry company and was its commander. In 1812 he was a major of militia. He was also a prominent fireman. For thirty years he was college marshal. He was an honorable, upright, and genial man, fond of joke and story, and an excellent citizen.

## EVERETT, EBENEZER, ESQUIRE.

Mr. Everett was the son of the Reverend Moses Everett, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and was born in that place in 1788. He was of the sixth generation from Richard Everett, the first American ancestor, who was one of the founders of Dedham in 1636. His father, and the Reverend Oliver Everett, father of those distinguished men, Alexander H. and Edward Everett, were brothers, and sons of Ebenezer Everett. His mother was Hannah Clap Gardner, the third wife of his father.

Entering Harvard College in 1802, he became the companion and room-mate of his cousin, Alexander H. Everett, and pursued his studies with diligence and success, graduating with honor in 1806. After his admission to the bar he established himself in Beverly, where he remained until 1817, and where he formed an acquaintance with the excellent lady, Miss Prince, who in 1819 became his wife. In 1817 he removed to Brunswick, where the remainder of his life was spent. He had several children, three of whom survived their childhood, Moses Everett, a young man of much promise, who died in 1840; Sarah Ellen Everett, a most estimable young lady, who died in 1847; and Charles Carroll Everett, now a professor in Harvard University. Of Mr. Everett's abilities as a lawyer, the late Honorable William Willis said: "As an advocate, Mr. Everett made no pretension, but as a wise counselor and an upright and conscientious lawyer he had few superiors. He was often employed as a master in chancery and a referee, and by



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Elihu Everett





his strict integrity and ability he secured the confidence of the community and acquired a large and profitable practice. In my acquaintance with him of half a century, in most of which time we practised at the same bar, I never knew him guilty of an unworthy or dishonorable action; his conduct was without fear and without reproach; it was not strained or put on for the occasion, but was inbred and natural. His countenance exhibited both firmness and benevolence, and his life did not betray this revelation."

Mr. Everett's services were not confined to his profession, but were required in other departments. On the establishment of the Union Bank, in Brunswick, in 1825, he was appointed its first cashier, with David Dunlap, president. The duties of this office he discharged with great fidelity and promptness for fourteen years, at the same time continuing the practice of his profession.

In 1828 he was elected one of the trustees of Bowdoin College, and held the office thirty-six years, until compelled by the infirmities of age to resign.

In 1838 he was appointed a commissioner, with Chief Justice Mellen and Judge Samuel E. Smith, to review and codify the public statutes of the State. This important work constituted the first published volume of the Revised Statutes, a valuable acquisition to the profession and the people.

In 1840 he was chosen to represent Brunswick in the legislature, but politics and public life had no charms for him; he preferred the quiet pursuits of private life to the noisy and unsatisfactory contests of the political arena. In politics he was an unwavering disciple of the Federal school and of its successors, and was uniformly loyal to the true Republican principles on which our government was founded. During the civil war he gave substantial aid toward sustaining the cause of freedom and equal rights. In his religious views he was a Unitarian, conservative without dogmatism, liberal without radicalism. He was a public-spirited citizen, taking a lively interest in whatever affected the welfare of the town. He died at his home in Brunswick, February 6, 1869.

#### FIELDS, MRS. ELIZABETH.

Mrs. Fields was the widow of Robert Fields, Esquire, barrister, in England, a lawyer of ability, who came to America and lived for many years in Boston, where he died in 1812. In 1831, Mrs. Fields came to Topsham, and opened a school for young ladies in the house now owned and occupied by Mrs. Susan T. Purinton. Of her early life, before coming to this country, nothing is known. Although a woman

of marked ability and refinement, and fitted to adorn any station in life, her reputation in this vicinity was mainly due to her pre-eminent qualities as an instructress. Although she was apparently lax in discipline, yet she allowed no shirking of duty or abuse of privileges. She always managed to know what was going on around her, and it was a common saying of her pupils, "Mrs. Fields can hear us think." She possessed a wonderful power of drawing out whatever latent power her pupils possessed. She was also very mindful of their physical needs. She followed the English customs in many respects, especially in requiring her household to tarry at their meals. Though herself adhering to the social etiquette of the English, she did not require it of her pupils, acknowledging its absurdity here. Although French was made a specialty in the school, she insisted upon the necessity of a thorough preliminary knowledge of English, and even went so far as to insist upon a knowledge of American history before commencing that of England. She was extremely intolerant of shams. She was a good story-teller, and was wont to take pleasure in rehearsing tales of the exiled French nobility, many of whom she personally knew. Though not opposed to what she deemed real improvement, she was by nature conservative, and had a profound veneration for the great minds and thinkers of the past. She not only told anecdotes of exiled noblemen, but would occasionally tell tales of her own youth, especially of her presentation at Court, and give her recollections of Mrs. Siddons and of the plots of foreign plays. She was stately in figure, and possessed a pleasant but dignified demeanor that was a comfort to her friends, but a terror to the evil disposed. She was very charitable in her disposition, and always had two or three pupils at a time to whom she gave board, tuition, or both.

#### FROST, MAJOR WILLIAM.

William Frost was born December 11, 1781. He was a trader in Topsham for many years, and was also engaged in the lumbering and shipping business. He was the second president of the First Union Bank of Brunswick.

He was chosen major of the militia, and was also a representative to the legislature in 1823, 1824, 1828, and 1830. He was esteemed as a charitable, liberal, hospitable, and honest citizen. His religious views were Unitarian. He died January 17, 1857.

#### FURBISH, BENJAMIN.

Mr. Furbish was born in Wells, Maine, May 2, 1807. He learned the trade of a tin-plate and sheet-iron worker, and worked a year or

two in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. In 1831 he went to Exeter, New Hampshire, and in 1834 married Mary B. Lane of Exeter. He moved to Brunswick in 1836 and continued in trade in Brunswick until January, 1866.

His health was broken down early in life, but a strong constitution enabled him to battle with disease through many years. He was one of the earliest and most earnest supporters of the graded school system in Brunswick, and a member of the first board of agents, in which position he served for a number of years. He was also one of the building committee for the erection of both the grammar schools and Union Street primary school-houses. He was a Freemason. He was a representative in 1854 and in 1861, selectman in 1851, and also town treasurer, and in the discharge of his public duties secured the full approbation of his fellow-citizens.

“Mr. Furbish was a man who exhibited marked characteristics, a person of strong individuality, great frankness of expression, but tolerant of the faith and opinions of others. He was reserved, uncommunicative at times, but still, beneath all this reserve, there flowed a vein of humor which rendered him a most desirable companion in social life, and which was the charm of home. He was keen in his criticisms, but no ill nature marked them. A man with a clear judgment, enlarged and liberal views of men and things, reading much, he proved an excellent citizen, ready to promote any good object, with labor or purse; and his fellow-citizens marked their appreciation of the merits of the man by repeatedly electing him to fill offices of honor and trust in this his home for many years. Of incorruptible integrity, dishonesty and low dealing he held in scorn, and all his transactions were marked by honesty, and a desire to do justice as between man and man. A member of the Congregational Church for many years, he maintained a Christian character, to the sincerity of which others have borne testimony.” He died in Brunswick, February 27, 1873.

#### GETCHELL, CAPTAIN JOHN.

Captain John Getchell came to Brunswick from Spurwink, about the time of the incorporation of the town, and settled on Gurnet Point. He was said to be “a large, portly, venerable looking old gentleman, especially when he made his appearance on the Sabbath, dressed in his white wig and triangular hat.” Captain Getchell was a member of the board of selectmen in 1739 and in 1749. He was also the first captain of the militia, and served in that capacity for many years. His first wife’s name was Elizabeth. It is not known with certainty whether he was married a second time.



## GIDDINGS, DOROTHY.

Miss Dorothy Giddings was born in Exeter, New Hampshire, January, 1785. She came to Brunswick in 1812, and was welcomed to the hospitality of Captain Richard Toppan, a relative by marriage. She was soon persuaded to undertake a private school for children, kept a part of the time in a back chamber of Captain Toppan's house, and then in a room in the house of Robert D. Dunning, Esquire. Her influence as a teacher was greatly valued. She joined Reverend Mr. Rowland's church in Exeter, and her life for more than sixty years testified to the sincerity of the consecration she then made.

She remained in Brunswick about three years, and for a time she was a respected and beloved inmate of the family of President Appleton. In 1815 she left Brunswick, spending two or three years with a sister in Newburyport, where she was highly esteemed as a teacher.

In 1818, Miss Giddings, with a heart ready for any good work, was induced to undertake a mission in the neighborhood of Foxcroft and Brownfield. Her object was to open a school for children and youth to fit them to become teachers, to open a Sabbath school, and to institute other means of moral and religious instruction as she could.

She lived and kept her school for some time in a log-dwelling, without a door to the rude abode, and she was charged with extravagance for having a cheap carpet on the floor.

On the Sabbath she had her Sabbath school, which the parents of the children often attended, and if no minister or brother to conduct the service was present, she would, after the school exercises, read a tract or sermon, adding such words of instruction as she could. Besides her school work, Miss Giddings was a nurse for the sick, where she exerted her skill in the knowledge of disease. At one time she became so much oppressed with the poverty of the people, that she formed a scheme to travel on horseback from her wilderness home to Exeter and Newburyport, to beg assistance from friends.

She finally made that journey of about two hundred and fifty miles on horseback, with saddle-bags. She returned to her people laden with gifts, disposed in the saddle-bags and on or about the horse.

In 1824, Miss Giddings left her mission to minister to a dying sister in Newburyport, and then came to Brunswick, her abode for forty-six years. She opened a store, a well-known resort, in a building which stood where the house occupied by Doctor Mitchell and Captain J. D. Pennell now stands. After some years she removed to a building which stood on the corner of Maine and O'Brien Streets, on the site of the present residence of Mr. Benjamin Greene.

Here the poor knew where to find help, the pastor or Christian brother or sister some aid in their Master's work, the inquirer a word in season. She was a woman of no common mould. Energy, decision, determination, a deep fountain of benevolence, strong individuality of character, were unmistakably revealing themselves in her daily life under the power of a thorough, overmastering faith.

#### GOSS, DOCTOR EBENEZER H.

Doctor Goss came to Brunswick soon after the Revolution. He married a sister-in-law of Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count Rumford. He lived at Maquoit until 1804, when he moved up to the village, and soon after moved to Paris, Maine, where he died. He is said to have had an extensive practice, but was a very eccentric man. He sometimes indulged too frequently in alcoholic potations, and it is narrated concerning him that on one occasion when he was inebriated some young rogue got him and his horse into a cow-yard, and put up the bars. The doctor started for his home at Maquoit, riding, of course, around the yard several times, and exclaiming with oaths that some one had *fenced the road*.

#### GRAVES, JOHNSON.

Johnson Graves was born February, between 8 and 19, 1732. He married, first, in Falmouth, Sarah, a sister of Stephen and Samuel Staples. He married, second, June 23, 1803, Mrs. Susanna (Hobbs) Staples, formerly of Falmouth. He was grantee in a deed of March 4, 1763, from Samuel Staples, John Patten, and John Fulton, of lot No. 3, of fifty acres in the Cathance mill right. He was in the disastrous expedition to Bagaduce (Castine) in the summer of 1779. He was a private in the company under the command of Captain Actor Patten. After the defeat of the expedition, he travelled through the wilderness from the Penobscot, until he struck the Sebesticook, where he was met by his brothers Samuel and John, who, on hearing that the remnants of the ill-fated troops were endeavoring to wend their way homewards, had started on to meet and relieve their suffering brother and his fellow-patriots. He was found by his brothers much fatigued and in want, but sorrowing most of all for the ill success of the expedition. He was among the troops who first engaged in battle in the attempt to land at Bagaduce. Of his private character nothing is known.

#### GREEN, HONORABLE NATHANIEL.

Nathaniel Green came to Topsham with his brother, Peter H. Green, in 1804. They were engaged in lumbering and trade for a number of years, but after a time dissolved partnership.

Nathaniel Green was a member of the convention that formed the Constitution of this State in 1820, was a member of the Senate from Lincoln County five years, and a member of the House of Representatives from the town of Topsham five or six years. He was sheriff of Lincoln County one year, register of deeds several years, and at the time of his death a member of the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County. As a politician, he was upright and honorable : as a citizen, respected and loved by all classes for his moral worth and public and private virtues ; and as a man and a Christian, the friend and counsellor of the poor and unfortunate. He died in Topsham at the age of sixty-six years.

#### GREENLEAF, RICHARD.

Richard Greenleaf was born in 1787. He was a man of acute mental powers, and was often consulted and employed in matters relating to the settlement of estates. He was a selectman for twelve successive years (1842-64) and also in 1859, and held other public trusts. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He died in Brunswick, April 29, 1862.

#### GRIFFIN, JOSEPH.

Mr. Griffin was born in 1798, and came to Brunswick in 1819, and set up a printing-office. His first work was the publication of the Baccalaureate address by President Appleton. He subsequently printed the works of Professors Upham, Newman, Smyth, and Longfellow, the publications of the college for a long series of years, and much other matter. He was a printer of judgment, taste, industry, and fidelity, and enjoyed the reputation of being the best printer in the State. In restricted quarters, and with few of the modern appliances and conveniences, Mr. Griffin accomplished an immense amount of work.

His last elaborate work, "The Press of Maine," testifies to his untiring activity and his interest in all that pertains to the craft. It is due to his earnest labors that so much that relates to printing in this State is presented in so enduring a form. The last publication which came from his hands was a catalogue for the Maine Historical Society. He opened the first bookstore in Brunswick about 1822, and continued the business until his death. He was interested in all matters pertaining to beautifying the town, and took an active part in the work upon the Mall. Mr. Griffin was earnest and devoted in the cause of religion, which to him, in his later years, was rather the out-





*Joseph Griffin*



growth of Christian love than of dogmatic belief. He was a man of strict integrity, and thoroughly straightforward in all his dealings. He died November 18, 1874.

GYLES, JAMES.<sup>1</sup>

The subject of this sketch, one of the early settlers of Topsham, was undoubtedly a relative and is presumed to be a brother of Thomas Gyles, who died at Pemaquid. According to his own account, which has been preserved, he left the Downs, England, September 5, 1668, probably with his family, and arrived at Boston November 9. On November 30 they went to Braintree, Massachusetts, where they "hired a house until spring," during which time he took a voyage eastward to look out for a place to settle. On May 10, 1669, they left Boston, and May 17 he says, "We arrived at Merrimathing in Kennebec River, and not liking that house, the fourteenth of October we removed from thence to Whidby,<sup>2</sup> a house on the same river, and having lived there two years I bought a tract of land of the Indians, and having bought a house upon the same, October 31, 1671, we removed from Whidby to go into our own house; but Muddy River being frozen over, we were fain to go into James Thomas's house. April 16, 1672, we removed from thence into our own house at Muddy River, and having lived there three years and four months," on account of the Indian outbreak they left their house and went to Samuel York's as a garrison, where they stayed a month, but the Indians molesting their cattle and plundering their houses, and having killed several in Casco Bay, some of their men became timid and left, so that they had but nine men in garrison. They accordingly left about the middle of September, and went to Arrowsic. They remained there until the last of November, when on account of the number of people in the house, they, with five other families, went to Sylvanus Davis's house, "on the west side of the river" (probably in what is now the town of Phippsburg), where they stayed all winter. After the peace of April, 1676, he went to a Mr. Weaswell's house (which was empty), and planted some corn, intending to go up to Muddy River again; but on account of the attack on Arrowsic, August 9, 1676, they were forced to flee for their lives in a canoe, and went to Damariscove, where they stayed a week, and then, August 16, sailed for Boston, where they arrived August 18. October 11, 1676, they sailed from Boston, and on the twenty-sixth arrived at Southold, N. Y.

<sup>1</sup> From *Gyles Memorial*.

<sup>2</sup> Whidby or Whisgeag, near Stevens's Carryng-Place.



They stayed there at the house of Richard Brown for one year, during which time he bought some land about fourteen miles west from there, and October 26, 1677, they removed to Mattelock, a house about two miles from his lot, where they stayed about a year. The land being poor, and he dissatisfied, April 7, 1680, they sailed for [New] York [City], where they arrived on the seventeenth. May 22, they went to Governor Andros's house on Staten Island, where they remained four months. On September 7 they went to Mr. Witt's house, "to look after his land, until Sir Edmund could get a lot of land laid out for me," but he being recalled to England, Gyles did not get as good a lot as he expected, and accordingly he sold it and bought a lot in New Jersey.

October 14, 1681, he continues, "We removed from Staten Island to Benj. Hull's house in Piscataway, where we stayed all the winter, until our own house was ready. April 6, 1682, we removed into our own house at the Bound Brook, upon Rariton River, in Piscataway, in the East Province of New Jersey."

The reasons for supposing him to be a brother of Thomas are:—

1. They both came from England,—James from Kent, and it is not certainly known what part Thomas came from, but probably from the same county.

2. James left Boston for Merrymeeting, May 10, 1669. Thomas Watkins's deed to Thomas Gyles was dated only two days before, viz., May 8.

3. They lived near each other while in Maine.

4. They both went to Long Island, N. Y., in 1676.

5. They both had interest with Governor Andros.

6. Thomas Gyles named his first son for himself, his third son for his brother John (probably), and his second son was named *James*.

7. Tradition.

The negative testimony is that Thomas and John have left nothing in regard to him, and that there are no affidavits of the settlers as in the case of *Thomas*.

#### GYLES, CAPTAIN JOHN.<sup>1</sup>

The subject of this sketch, a son of Thomas who was killed at Pemaquid, was taken prisoner by the Indians at the time of his father's death, August 2, 1689, and was carried to the St. John's River. He was with the Indians six years, and was then sold to a French gentleman in New Brunswick. He remained with the latter

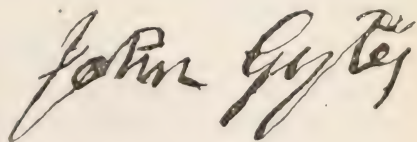
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<sup>1</sup> From Gyles Memorial.

until June 13, 1698, when he was given his freedom and sailed for Boston, where he arrived on the nineteenth of June. He was in captivity eight years ten months and eleven days. After reaching Boston he was employed the greater part of the time, by private parties and by the government, as an interpreter with the Indians, from June 28, 1698, to April, 1706. This latter year he received a commission as captain, having previously served as lieutenant. In 1707 he went to Port Royal under Colonel Saltonstall. In 1708, and again in 1709, he was sent to Port Royal with a flag of truce to exchange prisoners. Between 1709 and 1715 he resided in Salisbury, Massachusetts, and was an innholder there.

In August, 1715, he received orders from Governor Dudley to build a fort at Pejepscot. It was finished November 25, 1715. His pay was thirty shillings per week, and the proprietors gave him £5, which he was not altogether satisfied with. He was dismissed from Fort George, December 12, 1725, and the next day was commissioned for the garrison at St. George's River. November 28, 1728, he was commissioned a justice of the peace. In 1737 he retired from the military service and removed to Roxbury, where he died.

"He was a man of stern, unbending virtue, a true patriot, and a sincere Christian, upright in the discharge of duty, both to God and man. He served his country faithfully on a dangerous frontier, and was just and kind, yet ever vigilant, in his transactions with the aborigines. He was a man of energy and activity, and became possessed of considerable property, as appears from his will and from many deeds on record." Many of his letters to the governor and his muster-rolls are in the Massachusetts State archives. We append a facsimile of his autograph.



GYLES, THOMAS.<sup>1</sup>

Thomas Gyles resided in Topsham until late in the autumn of 1674, when, on account of the death of his father, and not because he was driven away by the Indians, he went to England with his family. Having obtained possession of his father's property, he returned to New England, probably in the autumn of 1675 or spring of 1676.

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*From Gyles Memorial.*

He intended returning to Pleasant Point, Topsham, but was prevented by the Indian war then going on. In the summer of 1677 he returned there, but finding the place deserted, he went to Pemaquid.

“He was a man of wealth. . . . He was also a gentleman of great personal worth, of high religious character, a strict, unbending Puritan, a careful observer of the Sabbath, faithful and fearless in the discharge of all his duties. As a magistrate<sup>1</sup> and ruler, who must be a terror to evil-doers, as well as a rewarder of those who do well, he met with much difficulty in enforcing the laws among a people who had long been accustomed to live without restraint.”

#### GYLES, THOMAS.<sup>2</sup>

Thomas Gyles, the son of the subject of the preceding sketch, was, without doubt, born in Topsham, as Lydia Felt, aged sixty-one, deposed July 22, 1718, that she lived in his father's family and was there when Thomas was born. He was, so far as can now be determined, the first white child born in Topsham. He escaped from the Indians at the time of his father's death at Pemaquid; and went to Boston, where he probably lived the remainder of his days. At any rate he was a ferry-man there in 1727, and kept a retail store in 1730.

On August 15, 1727, Thomas Gyles, ferry-man, John Gyles, gent., Mary Brewer, widow, and Jonas Webber, lawyer (or sawyer), and Margaret his wife, all of Boston (“Thomas and John are sons, and Mary and Margaret the daughters of Thomas Gyles, late of Pemequid, deceased”), in consideration of sixty acres where their father's house stood in Topsham, and five hundred and fifteen acres on Cathance Point, relinquished to the Pejepscot proprietors their father's right in the neck of land on Muddy River Point, and all other lands of their father in Topsham.

#### HALEY, PELATIAH.

Pelatiah Haley was born in Kittery, Maine, October 8, 1740. He married Elizabeth Lewis, who was born April 9, 1743, and died February 19, 1836. He was called Captain in consequence of having, for a time, commanded a company of militia. His sister Susannah married John Merrill, Esquire, of Topsham. Captain Haley moved to Topsham in May, 1769, coming by water.

Captain Haley was in the Indian campaign of 1759 or 1760; in the French war, at Lake Champlain and Montreal, under Captain John

<sup>1</sup> At Pemaquid.

<sup>2</sup> From Gyles Memorial.



Wentworth, of Kittery. The next year after the capture of Quebec (1760), he was engaged in battle at the taking of the Isle of Aux.<sup>1</sup> He was one of the Committee of Safety during the Revolutionary war, for three years. He was also one of the party at the capture of Captain Mowatt, at Falmouth, in May, 1775. He was an orderly corporal in Captain Actor Patten's company in the Bagaduce Expedition in 1779, and was in the attack at the landing of the troops. After the defeat of the Americans he, guided by a compass, penetrated the wilderness and reached the Sebacook, where he hired a canoe and thus reached home. He died in Topsham, October 29, 1819.

#### HALL, PAUL.

Paul Hall was the son of Hate-evil Hall, of Falmouth, now Portland, and came to Brunswick in the latter part of the last century. He first lived for a while on a farm at Rocky Hill, and in 1798 moved to a house in the village that stood where the Pejepscot Bank is now. He afterward lived on Mason Street. He was at one time largely engaged in the lumbering business, and lost heavily in the great freshet of 1808. The latter part of his life he was a surveyor of lumber. He was a Quaker, an upright, honest man, who expected others to be as honest as he was himself, a good husband, father, and Christian citizen. He died in April, 1841.

#### HASEY, BENJAMIN, ESQUIRE.

Benjamin Hasey was a native of Lebanon, Maine. His father, Isaac Hasey, the first minister of that town, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and graduated at Harvard in the class of 1762. He was settled in Lebanon in 1765, where his son Benjamin was born, July 5, 1771, and was named from an uncle who took his degree from Cambridge in that year. His mother was a daughter of William Owen, of Boston. Mr. Hasey, like his father and uncle, was a graduate of Harvard, class of 1790. Mr. Hasey received his preliminary education at Dummer Academy, under the tuition of the celebrated Master Moody, and entered college in 1786.

Soon after leaving college, he entered the office of Judge Thacher, in Biddeford, as a student, and was admitted to practice in April, 1794. In June of the same year he established himself at Topsham,

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<sup>1</sup> So Woodman says in his MSS. We can find no such island. The Isle of Aix, France, was the seat of a naval battle in 1747, but this date is too early.

where he continued to reside until his death, March 24, 1851, a period of fifty-seven years, a single as well as a singular man.

Mr. Hasey represented his town in the legislature of Massachusetts several years before the separation; but he had no taste for politics, and he withdrew from all public employment. He was, for fifteen years, one of the trustees of Bowdoin College.

Reserved and retired in his habits, he became more so as he left the common highway so much frequented by lawyers and politicians. It was not unnatural that a man of his sensitive nature should have shrunk from scenes which are often contaminated by low intrigues and self-seeking arts. Of the most rigid integrity, regular and quiet in all his modes of thought and action, nothing disturbed him more than the cant of demagogues. As may be supposed, he was strongly conservative; change was distasteful to him. This may be a reason why he never married. For more than thirty-eight years he boarded in the same family, and for many years occupied the same office, to which he daily resorted until within a few days of his death, in the same manner as when he was in practice. But with all his peculiarities, he was ever to be relied upon; his word was sacred, his act just, his deportment blameless. As a counsellor, his opinions were sound and much valued, and for many years he had an extensive practice in the counties of Lincoln and Cumberland. He rarely appeared as an advocate, his natural diffidence and reserve disqualifying him for any display. Many years before his death he left the active duties of his profession; the innovations which were taking place in the manners and course of practice at the bar were ill suited to his delicate and conservative feelings. The want of ancient decorum and respect, the absence of forensic courtesy, fretted upon his nerves. The abolishing of special pleading annoyed him, and the revision and codification of the statutes thoroughly confused his habitual notions of practice, displaced his accustomed authorities, and cast him afloat, in his old age, on what seemed a new profession. He lived in the past and believed in it, and strove, as much as mortal could, to keep himself from the degeneracy of modern ideas. Mr. Hasey, at the time of his death, was the oldest surviving lawyer in the State; when he commenced practice the whole number was but seventeen, all of whom he survived except Judge Wilde, who had removed from the State.<sup>1</sup>

The Honorable Frederic Allen, his contemporary in Lincoln County, has furnished the following well-considered estimate of Mr. Hasey's

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<sup>1</sup> *William Willis's The Law, Courts, and Lawyers of Maine.*

character and standing: "He was well versed in the principles of the common law. His reading was extensive, both legal and miscellaneous. His memory was tenacious, his habits studious. In his person, though very small in stature, he was of the most perfect formation, and always most neatly attired. He had much good sense, and was a strict adherent to the old Federal party, from whose leading opinions, so long as the party had a distinctive existence, he never wavered, and had little charity for those who did. He was not much employed as an advocate; he generally argued not over one case a year, and that was done very well. His address to the jury was brief, free from all repetition or copious illustration. He left the world in the same apparent quietude in which he had lived, leaving a name much honored and a character highly respected." In his religious views he was a Unitarian.

#### HASKELL, DEACON JOSHUA.

Deacon Haskell moved to Topsham, August 2, 1818. He had been previously engaged in the lumbering business on the Androscoggin River, and still continued at that occupation. When he first came to town, he resided in the house recently occupied by Sanford A. Perkins. In about six months afterwards he moved on to "the Island," and took up his abode in the Nathaniel Green house, recently occupied by Captain Henry W. Green. At the time of his entering this residence, Mr. Henry Bowman, from Litchfield, moved in and occupied one half of the house. Early in 1819, Messrs. Haskell and Bowman formed a partnership in business and commenced manufacturing lumber, buying logs at the head of the Androscoggin, which they drove down, in the spring of the year, into booms. They rafted and sawed boards, shingles, clapboards, and laths for many years with good success. They finally dissolved partnership, and Mr. Bowman moved to Gardiner, where he died. Deacon Haskell was also engaged in trade. The small residence now occupied by Mrs. Berry, opposite the blacksmith shop of Samuel Jameson, was for some years a store, bearing the sign of Bowman & Haskell.

In 1826 he built the house now occupied by Ebenezer Colby, and moved into it in November of the same year. He afterwards removed to the house on the corner of Main and Elm Streets, where his family still resides.

He was made deacon of the Free-Will Baptist Church at its first organization.

He was a captain of the Artillery Company for some years, and



was afterwards chosen major. He served in the war of 1812, having enlisted at the age of eighteen.

Joshua Haskell was a man of enlarged views and a liberal disposition. He was kind-hearted, unselfish, and benevolent. He was a man of the highest integrity of character and was a sincere Christian. He possessed a rare humor and was always good-tempered. He invariably looked upon the bright side, and his cheerfulness was undiminished by loss of property or other dispensations of Providence.

#### HINKLEY, JUDGE AARON.

Aaron Hinkley was one of the noted men of Brunswick in his day. Of his personal appearance and manner nothing is now known, but he is said to have had but one eye. The tradition which accounts for the loss of the other eye is, that a "tame" Indian in the employ of Aaron's father was one day holding him in his lap, and accidentally dropped a live coal from his pipe into the boy's eye, totally destroying the sight.

He was a man of good judgment, and was often engaged in the service of the town, either on committees or as a selectman. He served in the latter capacity five several years, 1745, 1750, 1755, 1759, 1760. In 1775 he was one of the judges of the Court of Sessions for Lincoln County. When Topsham was incorporated, in 1764, Judge Hinkley was directed to issue his warrant for calling the first town meeting.

In his religious views he was a Congregationalist, and was very severe in his opposition to Presbyterianism. He lived where Ephraim Larrabee resided in 1854.

#### HINKLEY, DEACON SAMUEL.

Samuel Hinkley was born in Harwich, February 7, 1711. He moved to this State, and in 1729-30 is named as one of several persons associated together for the purpose of forming the First Church of Biddeford. On August 29, 1735, he purchased of James Kent, for one hundred and fifteen pounds, thirty-five acres of land in Biddeford. He was chosen a deacon of the church there. He soon after, however, moved to Brunswick, and settled at New Meadows. His wife's name has not been ascertained. He was selectman in 1739, 1740, 1741, 1742, and 1743, and a representative in 1747.

#### HUMPHREYS, GENERAL JOHN C.

John Campbell Humphreys, the son of Lawrence and Frances (Campbell) Humphreys, was born in Georgetown (now Phippsburg), February 22, 1798.



Very truly yours  
J C Humphreys.  
*[Signature]*





His father afterwards removed to Topsham, and at the age of fourteen John C. entered the store of Jotham Stone, of Brunswick. Active, intelligent, upright, and energetic, he soon won the confidence and esteem of his employer, and before he had attained his majority, Mr. Stone sold his stock to him and Ephraim Brown, and they, as Brown & Humphreys, continued the same business for several years. He afterwards formed a partnership with A. B. Thompson, and for many years the firm of Thompson & Humphreys were largely engaged in lumbering in the woods, and in manufacturing at their mill in the Cove in Brunswick. This connection continued until 1850.

In 1848, General Humphreys, as he was then universally called, bought the Dunning farm, at the Narrows, and transferred his business to that location, building a steam saw-mill and a ship-yard. Here, in connection with his sons John H. and Charles C., he carried on the manufacture of lumber, and from the ship-yard were launched, in successive years, the ships *Ophir*, *J. C. Humphreys*, *Singapore*, *Marengo*, and the bark *Annie Kimball*.

In politics General Humphreys was a Democrat, and he held many offices of importance. He was a senator in the State legislature, high sheriff of Cumberland County for several years, and collector of the port of Bath under President Polk.

As a citizen he interested himself in all that related to public and town affairs. He took an active part in military matters, and rose to the rank of major general of militia. He was chief warden of the fire department of Brunswick for many years.

It was, however, as a Mason that he was probably most widely known throughout the State. He early took a deep interest in the subject of Freemasonry, and was honored with the highest positions of the order in the State. In all his relations as a citizen, politician, Mason, and man, to use the words of a contemporary, "he sustained a character above reproach."

He married Angeline Whitmore, daughter of John Whitmore, of Bath, December 31, 1823, by whom he had a large family of children, five of whom survived him.

His health, which had always been remarkably robust, failed him in 1864, and he died June 18, 1865, at the age of sixty-seven. He was buried with Masonic ceremonies, and his funeral was attended by a large representation of the Masonic order from different parts of the State. His wife survived him but a short time, and died October 14, 1866, at the age of sixty-four.

## HUNTER, ADAM.

Adam Hunter, a grandson of Captain Adam, and son of James, was named for his grandfather. He enlisted in the army in the Revolutionary war, under Captain, afterwards Colonel, John Reed. He was but sixteen years of age at the time. He is said to have been under General John Sullivan when the latter laid waste the country of the Six Nations, about 1778 or 1779. The following traditional account of his capture at that time, and his subsequent escape, is given: —

“ Having been sent out on a scouting party, he was taken captive by the Indians. By them he was stripped of all he had, and was left with barely a blanket, or some such slight clothing. In his captivity he was associated with a Dutchman who lived among the Indians and was acquainted with their language. The papposes, or young Indians, were in the habit of applying pointed splinters of pitch-wood, pricking him and tormenting him, and then laughing to see him dodge their mock assaults. The Dutchman, having been flogged by one of the squaws, resolved to attempt his escape, and communicating his purpose to Hunter, they contrived to quit them, Hunter carrying his hat full of corn, which they had contrived to secrete for this purpose, and the Dutchman carrying a hatchet. With these slender means of sustenance and defence, after Hunter had been among them about three weeks, they made their escape. Their only food for eight days was the dry corn, about two quarts in quantity, which they took with them. At one time in their wanderings they lost their way, and heard the barking of the Indians’ dogs. The Dutchman was for surrendering himself again to the Indians; but Hunter, contriving by some excuse to get possession of the hatchet, threatened to split his brains if he attempted to give himself up; and at length they succeeded in reaching the settlements at Harpersfield, New York, where Hunter was supplied with clothes, etc., and again joined the army. At the time of their escape it was in the month of October, and Hunter said there was occasionally to be found some snow in the low lands. Hunter served three years and then returned home.”

After his return Adam went to school at Bath. While here, after much persuasion, he went on board a privateer. Some prizes were taken and carried into Salem or Boston, but at length he was captured and carried into Halifax. His father and uncle went to Halifax to obtain his exchange, but before his arrival Adam, with about five hundred other American prisoners, had been put on board a vessel

called the *Cornwallis*, to be conveyed to Boston. The vessel was lost, and Adam was never heard of afterwards. This was in the autumn of 1781.<sup>1</sup>

#### HUNTER, JAMES.

The subject of this sketch, a son of Captain Adam Hunter, was one of the selectmen of Topsham in 1767, 1768, 1773, and 1779. He was chosen to this office again in 1780, but declined service. He was on the committee raised in February, 1781, to see to the procuring of seven men for the Continental army. He is styled Major in the town records. His son John, called "Bald-headed John," stated, about 1833, that his father had been a major in the Revolutionary war, and that he was made a colonel about the close of the war, and that his commission was signed by Hancock. Bald-headed John also said that his father was under Colonel North (whom he called Judge North) of Augusta. He said that he had heard his father and the old soldiers speak of Judge North as colonel, in ridicule; that they used to have a good deal of fun about Colonel North, and that the latter was nicknamed "Jo Bunker."

When his son Adam (see preceding sketch) was carried to Halifax, *James Hunter*, with his brother *Robert*, procured two prisoners and went to Halifax to obtain an exchange. He was there detained and imprisoned about a fortnight, it being charged against him that he was a spy. He was liberated, however, and sent home in a schooner, one Captain Powell, master, who landed him at the mouth of the Kennebec River. He reached home about Christmas, 1781.

The father of *James Hunter's* wife was Thomas Williams, who came from England, February 18, 1717, "when gooseberries were in blow," and reached Boston, April 17, 1717, "when the snow was very deep." He was employed in teaching Latin in Boston, and subsequently removed to the part of Georgetown that is now Bath. It is said that he was a physician, and that he often expressed his regrets at having ever left England.

Colonel Hunter died about 1809, at the age of seventy-four, leaving a family whose posterity are still numerous in town.

#### KENDALL, ELDER HENRY.

Elder Henry Kendall was born in Sandford, July 3, 1774. He had ten brothers and sisters. When he was ten years old he went to Wells and lived with Captain S. Hatch. When he was about thirteen

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<sup>1</sup> From *Woodman's MS. Notes*.



years old his father deserted the family, and Henry went to Centre Harbor and was apprenticed to Mr. Marston to learn the tanner's and shoemaker's trade. He received only three months' schooling.

In October, 1801, he began to preach. In 1802 he visited Mt. Vernon, Palermo, Belfast, Hallowell, Litchfield, Bowdoinham, Augusta, Bowdoin, Sidney, Bloomfield, and Mercer, preaching in each place, and returned to Litchfield, where he settled. In 1812 he was representative to the legislature from that town. March 18, 1818, he moved to Topsham and bought a farm. He was settled over the Baptist Church in Topsham for about ten years, and ever after made it his home, though he preached as a missionary over almost the entire State. Of his style of preaching but little is known, except that he was noted for the power and compass of his voice. It was once said by Doctor Porter, in reference to Mr. Kendall and one of the other ministers, that he could "stay at home and hear Elder Kendall, or go to the Orthodox Church and hear them both." The Baptist vestry was then opposite the present cemetery, and Doctor Porter lived in the Purinton house near.

#### KING, HONORABLE WILLIAM.

William King, the first governor of the State of Maine, was born in Searboro', February 9, 1768, and died in Bath, June 17, 1852.

When nineteen years old a division of his father's property was made, and his share was a yoke of two-year-old steers. With these steers he started east in the spring of the year to seek his fortune. It was cold, but having neither shoes nor stockings, he went barefooted. He stopped at many houses on the way, offering to work for his board. He finally reached Topsham and found employment in a saw-mill. He was industrious and frugal, and in a year and a half had laid by enough to purchase one half a saw, and it was not long before he owned a whole saw, and finally a whole mill. After a while he formed a copartnership with his brother-in-law, Doctor Benjamin Jones Porter, under the name of Porter & King, and opened a store, Mr. King devoting his attention chiefly to his lumber interests, and Doctor Porter assuming control of the store. This copartnership existed for some years after Mr. King's removal to Bath, which took place in 1800.

Mr. King was one of the incorporators of the toll-bridge, and also one of the incorporators of the first cotton-mill in Brunswick. After his removal to Bath he opened a store there. He was also extensively engaged in ship-building for many years. He was at one time a

member of the Massachusetts legislature. In 1811 he was major-general of militia. In 1812 he was president of the Bath Bank.

While in the Massachusetts legislature "he was distinguished by his efforts in behalf of religious freedom, and of securing to original settlers upon wild lands the benefit of their improvements. He was an early and ardent advocate of the separation of Maine from Massachusetts, and upon the consummation of that act presided over the Convention which met in 1819 to frame the Constitution of the new State. He was in 1820 elected the first governor of Maine, and after holding office a little more than a year, became one of the United States commissioners for the adjustment of Spanish claims. He also held other offices of importance under the general and State governments, including that of collector of the port of Bath."<sup>1</sup> He was the first grand master of the Grand Lodge of Maine Freemasons.

#### LARRABEE, CAPTAIN BENJAMIN.

Captain Benjamin Larrabee came from Portland, then Falmouth, to assume the command of the fort in Brunswick about 1727. In December of that year he petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts "for a recompense for services in going from Boston to Brunswick, the journey having consumed one month." He lived in the fort for some years, and his children were born there. He afterwards lived at New Meadows, where the house of Andrew Thomas now stands. He was the agent of the Pejepscot proprietors, and before the incorporation of the town he had the principal management of the concerns of the township. In 1735 he superintended the building of the old West Meeting-House, purchasing all the materials, attending to the transportation, etc. He died in 1748 and was buried in the graveyard attached to the fort. There are now no traces of this burying-ground.

Captain Larrabee was a worthy man, much beloved by those intimately acquainted with him. He was considered a good business man and was much respected for his integrity and faithfulness to his trust. His posterity are numerous and highly respectable. His son Nathaniel was town clerk for thirty-seven years, from 1766 to 1802; selectman from 1783 to 1800, and was otherwise prominent in town affairs.

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<sup>1</sup> *New American Cyclopædia*, 10, p. 167. For further particulars see also *Poplum Memorial volume, Maine Historical Collection*, pp. 206 to 213.

## LARRABEE, CAPTAIN NEHEMIAH.

Nehemiah Larrabee was born in Brunswick about 1800, and lived for many years on Federal Street. He began life as a sailor and soon obtained his title of captain. "Possessing a naturally strong constitution, an active mind, an iron will, indomitable energy, and a perseverance nothing could daunt, he won his way to a handsome competence. As a husband and father he was most indulgent; as a friend, true as steel, and with a heart open as a child to all proper claims upon his time or means for the relief of the sick or suffering." He died May 6, 1863.

## LEMONT, ADAM.

Mr. Lemont was born in 1797, and moved from Bath to Brunswick about 1835. He was largely engaged in the lumber business and in trade as a member of the firm of Lemont, Forsaith & Hall. He was afterwards president of the Brunswick Maine Insurance Company and of the Union National Bank. He was a director of the latter at the time of his death. He was a selectman in 1842, 1843, and 1844, and representative in 1844 and 1845. He was also largely engaged in ship-building. An active, energetic, and well-educated business man, he managed his affairs with great shrewdness and accumulated a handsome property. He was a most agreeable man in social intercourse, well posted in public affairs, an esteemed and valuable citizen. He died February 24, 1874.

## LINCOLN, ISAAC, M. D.

Doctor Isaac Lincoln was born in Cohasset, Massachusetts, in 1780. He fitted for college under the tuition of Reverend Josiah Crocker Shaw, of Cohasset, and of Reverend Kilburn Whitman, of Pembroke. He graduated at Harvard in 1800, and for two years afterward taught a grammar school. He studied medicine with Doctor Thomas Thaxter.

In 1804 he settled as a physician in Topsham. In 1820 he married Maria S., daughter of Captain John Dunlap, and moved to Brunswick. In 1831 he received the degree of M. D. from Bowdoin College, it being bestowed as a compliment. He was a member of the Medical Faculty of the Maine Medical School from 1820 to 1867. He was a member of the Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College, and it is said that he never missed a meeting of that Board for over sixty years. He was at one time chosen a member of the governor's council, but declined the honor.





*Isaac Simcoe.*









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Doctor Lincoln was a very public-spirited man, and the result of his influence is still to be seen in Brunswick. The prominent traits of his character were his individuality and his positiveness. Though firm in his opinions, he never objected to hearing and discussing the views of those who differed with him. As a man he was generous-hearted, kind, genial, and fond of children. He was a member of the First Parish Church, and was a sincere Christian. In business matters he was upright, impulsive but honest, bold and independent. As a physician he was very popular and had an extensive practice. It is said he particularly excelled in the difficult art of diagnosis. Certain it is that few difficult cases of disease occurred in the practice of his professional neighbors without his opinion and advice being invoked.

He died March 6, 1868.

#### LINCOLN, JOHN D., M. D.

“ Doctor Lincoln, more generally spoken of as Doctor John in the lifetime of his father, the late Doctor Isaac Lincoln, was born and bred in the house in which he lived and died. He entered Bowdoin College in 1839, graduated in 1843, and graduated from the Maine Medical School in 1846, and at once went into practice with his father.

“ The doctor won a large measure of success in the practice of his profession, working early and late, driving far and near, to meet the constant calls for his professional services. Even after his health had become seriously impaired, he was found making his daily calls upon patients, who comprised every class in the community, for the doctor was no respecter of persons.

“ He ranked high in the estimation of his professional brethren, and for years has often been called by them in consultation over difficult cases. His intercourse with them at such times was marked by courtesy and a gentlemanly regard for the rights of the profession. He won success as a practitioner, and he won it as well by his loving, genial, mirthful ways in the sick-room. In this matter of kindly attention to the sick, Doctor Lincoln had few if any superiors.

“ He was well read in literature outside of his profession, interested in the discussion of the political topics of the day ; possessing a retentive memory and the keenest sense of humor, he was ever a most interesting companion in the social circle, enlivening it by his sallies of wit, and by the narration of anecdotes of the most vivacious description. The same characteristics that he manifested in public endeared him to his family in the privacy of home. He was greatly interested in the development and ornamentation of the village, and to his well-

directed efforts, preceded by those of his father, are the people largely indebted for the present excellent condition of the Mall. He was remarkable for the conservative, peace-preserving element of his character and for his great fondness for children. Doctor Lincoln was a member of the Superintending School Committee of Brunswick, a member of the Board of Overseers of the College, and a member of the Faculty of the Maine Medical School. At a meeting of the Medical Faculty, resolutions expressive of respect and sympathy were passed."

To this tribute to his memory it should be added that he was deeply interested in the preparation of this volume, and rendered much valuable assistance, which was continued even after he had taken his bed in his last sickness. He once said to the writer that he desired to live long enough to write his reminiscences of fifty years' practice in Brunswick. He died June 3, 1877.

#### LUNT, AMOS.

Amos Lunt came to Brunswick soon after the Revolution, and built a grist-mill. At first he lived in the fort, but soon built a two-story house on the corner of Mill and Bow Streets, where he resided at the time of his death.

He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, enlisting soon after the battle of Bunker Hill. He served in the army eight years, and a part of the time was a sergeant. He was at Valley Forge in the memorable winter of 1777. He was also present at Cherry Valley, at the surrender of Burgoyne, and also at that of Cornwallis, and was with General Sullivan when he went into the Indian country. Mr. Lunt at first received no pension, but a few years before his death, the law regarding pensions having been changed, he received one hundred and fifty dollars a year.

Mr. Lunt was fond of company, especially that of the young, and took delight in rehearsing the stirring scenes of the Revolution, in which he had taken part. He was a good citizen, and always took a strong interest in public affairs. In politics he was a Whig, and never voted any other ticket. When too feeble to walk to the polls, he insisted upon being carried there as long as he was able to leave his room.

#### McKEEN, REV. JOSEPH, D. D.

The subject of this sketch was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1774, and immediately opened a school in his native town, Londonderry, which he kept for several years. Fond of mathematics and philosophy, he, in the summer of 1780, pursued a course of study at



Cambridge, under Professor Williams, who then filled the chair of Mathematics and Philosophy in Harvard University. He then commenced his theological studies under Reverend Mr. Williams, of Windham, New Hampshire, the instructor of his youth. Before completing his preparation for the ministry, he was, for a while, an assistant instructor in the academy at Andover. While a candidate for settlement in the ministry, he preached with much acceptance to the society in Boston, collected by Reverend Mr. Moorhead, and which afterwards enjoyed the labors of the distinguished Doctor Belknap. In 1785 he was ordained pastor of the church in Beverly, Massachusetts. For seventeen years he discharged the duties of the ministerial office, ever enjoying the respect, confidence, and affection of his people, and sustaining the reputation of a sound divine and an impressive preacher.



In 1800 he preached the sermon on the anniversary of the gubernatorial election, a performance which added much to his reputation. About this time he was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, in whose transactions may be found papers communicated by him. In 1804 he was complimented by his Alma Mater with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1801 he was elected president of Bowdoin College.

In the midst of his labors, President McKeen, whose strength of constitution had given unusual promise of a long life of usefulness, perceived the premonitions of a disease which at length, after a pro-

tracted illness of nearly two years, proved fatal. Just after Commencement, in the autumn of 1806, he took a short excursion to Beverly, the scene of his former labors, in the hope of removing the complaint which was fast wasting his strength; but while he was there it returned with aggravated symptoms. At first supposed to be a disease of the liver, it at last assumed the form of dropsy. The most affectionate solicitude of friends and the most enlightened professional skill could not arrest its progress. Having waited calmly and patiently his appointed time, he died suddenly, as he was sitting in his chair, at the age of forty-nine years. The event caused deep grief throughout the community.

In regard to the qualifications of President McKeen for the able and successful discharge of the duties pertaining to his exalted and responsible station, there was but one sentiment. His sound, discriminating judgment, his cool decision, his equable spirit, his manners, conciliating and at the same time dignified, his kind feelings, his moral excellence, his reputation as a minister of the gospel, and the full possession of public confidence, combined with his love of science, fitted him in a high degree for the office he was called to fill.<sup>1</sup>

The genealogy of the McKeens may be found in the History of Londonderry, New Hampshire, pages 284-289.

#### McKEEN, JOSEPH, ESQUIRE.

Joseph McKeen, a son of Reverend Joseph McKeen, the first president of Bowdoin College, was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, 1787. He was a well-known business man in Brunswick, and was widely known throughout the State. He was a cashier of the first Union Bank from 1859 until it closed its affairs, and was a president of the second Union Bank for many years.

For thirty-six years he was treasurer of the college, and his administration of the office showed marked ability and thorough rectitude. He was also a director and trustee of the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company, and for several years was its treasurer. He was a thorough business man, and exact and methodical in his accounts. He was well read in common topics and in some special departments of literature, including Biblical geography and history.

As a compliment to his attainments he had bestowed upon him by Bowdoin College, in 1843, the *honorary* title of A. M. He was a man of strong affections, indulgent in his family, and kind and benev-

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<sup>1</sup> From a Sketch of Bowdoin College, by Reverend A. S. Packard, D. D.

olent to all. He was a member of the church of the First Parish, a teacher in its Sabbath school, and oftentimes conducted religious services on emergencies.

“He was a marked man, with a clear, unclouded intellect, of decided opinions, with an energy that no difficulties appalled, a determination that went straight to its work, and of unquestioned sincerity of purpose in whatever labor engaged.

“He possessed a heart ready to respond to the calls of benevolence and friendship, manifested in acts of great liberality and thoughtfulness. The demands of duty did not overbear the claims of a common manhood.”

McKEEN, JOHN, ESQUIRE.

John McKeen, a brother of the subject of the preceding sketch, was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, December 21, 1789; came to Brunswick when about thirteen years old, and lived here for fifty-nine years. He fitted for college with Reverend J. Ellis of Topsham, and graduated from Bowdoin in 1811. He was for many years a secretary of the Board of Overseers of the college. He was engaged in general trade for many years, and was much interested in the history and welfare of the town. For twenty-three consecutive years he served as town clerk, and during this period collected many valuable papers. He was by nature and training an antiquarian.

The evidences of his research will be seen by the frequent allusions to his name in this volume.

“He ever manifested a warm interest in whatever related to the affairs of the town, and his action was guided by a liberal judgment and a truly catholic spirit. Though devoting himself with untiring energy, and a perseverance that no obstacles could arrest, to a study of whatever related to the past, he did not bury himself in the dead past, but lived in the present, holding, however, as his truest guides and safest counsellors, the memory and deeds of men who have long since mouldered to dust. At the same time that he proved himself the good citizen in the broader sphere of life, he was no less the charitable and kind-hearted gentleman in all that concerned social intercourse. Of a hearty, genial nature, his face, always benignant, occasionally beamed with a smile of peculiar benevolence, and his address was always kindly and courteous.

“He was one of the founders of the Maine Historical Society, and no man has done more to promote the interest and efficiency of the institution. For historical investigations he possessed an aptness, a quickness, a penetration, and an entireness of appreciation



quite remarkable. There was no brilliancy of intellect ; perhaps, upon ordinary occasions, his mind moved slowly ; but when investigating New England history there was no sluggishness, no inaction, and no failure to appreciate the subject in hand, however broadly extended, or how intricately related to matters which to the outside observer might appear as foreign altogether. The intellect went straight to its work, and the result reached never failed to secure respect for the man, if it did not always win the verdict of his opponents.

“ No man was so well acquainted with the records and doings of the Pejepscot proprietors, and he was regarded as standard authority in all matters of controversy arising under these records and the deeds of these early proprietors of Brunswick.

“ In politics he was a Whig of the strongest sect, a supporter of the Constitutional Union ticket of the last campaign, a supporter of measures of peace and conciliation until the sword was drawn ; then a firm supporter of the government in a vigorous prosecution of the war, but always after constitutional forms and in strict accordance with law.

“ A Scotch Presbyterian in matters of faith, he adhered with wonderful tenacity to the doctrines of his church, but as exemplified in his life they were divested of all their rigor and sharpness. His spirit was too catholic, his heart too true, his love of his fellow-men too earnest, and his charity too broad to bind him, or to lead him to act less nobly and earnestly than a Christian gentleman should act.”

He died December 2, 1861.

#### McKEEN, JAMES, M. D.

Doctor James McKeen, a third son of President McKeen, was graduated at Bowdoin College in 1817. He entered upon the study of medicine under Doctor Matthias Spaulding, of Amherst, New Hampshire ; finished his course under Doctor John Ware, of Boston ; graduated at the Harvard Medical School in 1820, and at once commenced the practice of his profession in Topsham. In 1825 he was elected Professor of Obstetrics in the Medical School of Maine, and served in that office until 1839. During the two last years of his office he also lectured on the Theory and Practice of Medicine. He kept up a warm interest in this school and in the college during his whole life, and was for many years one of the overseers. “ During his college days,” says an intimate friend of his youth, “ the civilized world was watching with deepest interest the movements of Napoleon Bonaparte, and no member of college, I am sure, knew so much of those stirring events

as young McKean, who followed the march of the contending armies with the best maps he could command; as then, so ever after, distinguished for his extensive and minute geographical knowledge. He took to astronomy when it came in the collegiate course. Late one starlit night, President Appleton descried from his window a light on the steps of the old college chapel. Apprehending some mischief at work at that late hour, he left his house and repaired with cautious steps to the spot, and, unnoticed by the supposed culprit, placed his hand on the young man's shoulder. It was McKean, all alone, with a celestial globe and a light, observing the constellations in the heavens. 'Ah, McKean,' exclaimed the astonished president, 'I am glad to find you so well occupied.' This interest in the science continued through life, a comfort and amusement in many a long night drive. . . . He was fearless. Some thought him reckless when he crossed Merry-meeting Bay in early spring, just before the breaking up of the ice, sitting up on the back of the sleigh, watching for holes in the ice and thus directing his horse on his perilous way. . . .

"Doctor McKean was of the strongest, deepest affections. How he loved his college classmates! We recall, with delightful remembrance, his gathering the surviving members of his class to his house, from far and near, a few years ago, on the fiftieth anniversary day of their graduation, and there spending two days, brightest in their calendar, together, and his inviting friends to sympathize in their gladness. With a most direct, downright, at times almost rough exterior of manner, few men were so easily moved to tears.

"Doctor McKean was not a mere professional man. No one could be conversant with him and not be impressed with the proof of his tenacious memory of men and events. In modern political history, whether of our own or other lands, few surpassed him in general statement or minute detail. He never made public profession of his religious faith. An habitual attendant on public worship when his professional calls and his health would permit, uniformly contributing his influence and support to the claims of the sanctuary, he was reserved respecting his own personal religious experiences. He never, however, swerved from the faith of his fathers. He made the revealed word his companion, and of late years seemed to be girding himself for the coming of his Lord, often apprehending the day of His coming to be near at hand, and during his last days and his hours of consciousness supplicating in repeated petitions with agony of spirit for mercy through, and solely for, the merits of a crucified Redeemer."

Doctor McKean, though gentle and kind in the sick-room, possessed

a wonderful physical energy, and had a rough bearing externally. He was of a very nervous temperament, which showed itself in his mode of driving his horses. He has always been called a reckless driver, and so he was, as far as danger to pedestrians was concerned, rightly judging that they would give him a wide berth. So far, however, as pertained to the management of his steeds, he had no superior.

He was a man of uncommon strength, and a lover of fair play. His bravery as well as his strength is shown in the following anecdote, which he himself told the writer: Once, soon after settling in Topsham, he was summoned one dark night to Bath. He went by way of Brunswick. When near New Meadows, his horse was suddenly seized by the bridle and stopped. At the same moment a man stepped up to his carriage, presented a pistol, and demanded his money. The doctor quietly reached out, took the man by the coat-collar, lifted him into the carriage, disarmed him, and then, whipping his horse, broke away from the man who was holding the bridle, and carried the man he had taken to Bath.

While he was a professor in college, Doctor McKeen made the tour of Europe, studying in the hospitals. While he was at Dublin, it is related of him that, being one day on the outskirts of the city, he observed a very large man fighting with a small one. Without stopping to learn the nature or merits of their quarrel, he at once "pitched into" the large man, and was busily engaged in the contest when he was arrested by an officer, and taken to Dublin. He escaped confinement by the assistance of the American consul.

As a physician, Doctor McKeen possessed keen powers of discrimination and good judgment, and was always fertile in expedients. The writer recollects, on one occasion, while a student in his office, going with him to visit quite a number of patients in the outskirts of Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, and Richmond. The doctor left home in haste, and forgot to take his medicine-bag with him. The patients were all of them far from any druggist, so that to leave a prescription would hardly have been satisfactory in any of the cases. The doctor was not, however, in the least disconcerted when he made the discovery that he had no medicines with him, but proceeded to give the necessary advice in regard to diet, etc., and then instructed them how to obtain and prepare the medicines most appropriate to each case. The suggestions thus obtained have never been forgotten, and have often proved of service to the writer.

Surgery was, however, the branch in which Doctor McKeen particularly excelled, and had he lived in a more thickly settled community,



where he would have had more frequent opportunities for practice, he would probably have become eminent in this direction. As an instructor of medical pupils, he had, in the earlier years of his professional life, an excellent reputation. Later, however, he left his students pretty much to themselves, merely advising them what to read, and in the latter part of their course occasionally taking them to see his patients. The instruction that he gave at the bedside was, however, very thorough.

Doctor McKen was, to the close of his life, an earnest student. He not only kept up his interest in medical matters, but also in literary studies, and the last time the writer saw him he asked in regard to the correctness of some classical quotation that he was reading.

Doctor McKen had a lively sense of both personal and professional honor. Quacks and quackery he thoroughly and utterly detested and despised. At the same time he himself, especially when he first commenced, did not hesitate to put in practice a little harmless deception, such as being called from church when not needed, and especially a habit he never gave up, of driving furiously when first starting out.

Among the citizens of Topsham, no one will be longer or more dearly remembered than he of whom it has been said that "upon his good name no stain ever rested."

He died in Topsham, November 28, 1873.

#### McMANUS, CAPTAIN RICHARD.

Captain Richard McManus enlisted as a soldier, at the age of eighteen, in Colonel McCobb's regiment, in the year 1813, and passed his time of service in the woods of Chateaugay (we suppose in New York, not far from Plattsburg) until December, 1814, when his term of service expired. Immediately after peace was declared, he shipped as a common sailor in Captain John Dunlap's employ, and sailed with a Captain Growse. As a seaman he made two voyages with Captain William Curtis. He then was promoted to the office of mate, and in 1822 was again promoted to the office of master, and took charge of the schooner *Exchange*. From that time forward he successively commanded different vessels, in the employ of various parties, in 1826 becoming interested as part owner with Messrs. Washington & Jackson, of Philadelphia.

Captain McManus made his last voyage in 1847, in the ship *Monterey* from Mobile to Liverpool and back to New York. In 1854 he was appointed as agent for Maine for the New York Board of Underwriters, — a position of marked responsibility, demanding skill, judg-

ment, independence, and honesty for a faithful discharge of duty ; this office he held for ten years, and we may say, we believe without a fear of contradiction, that the duty was rendered to the entire satisfaction of the company, and to the great credit of the deceased.

During his long and busy life, — for the captain was never idle when work was to be done, — he amassed a handsome property, which, however, the reverses of later years somewhat diminished.

A gentleman who knew him well in Liverpool in his younger days, declares that he was one of, if not the finest looking ship-master that ever sailed out of that port ; he bore a close resemblance to E. K. Collins of New York, and the mistakes of identity were cause of merriment to both men. A remarkable thing for a sailor, Captain McManus never used tobacco in any form.

In his long service on the sea, and in his ten years' work for the Board of Underwriters, Captain McManus had become more widely known than any other ship-master in New England, possibly than any in the United States.

The deceased possessed a good knowledge of the common affairs of every-day life, of the current politics of the day, and was thoroughly up in his calling as a ship-master and as a superintendent of the construction of ships. Clear-headed, he was methodical in his business, prompt to meet his engagements, and honest in his dealings with others ; prudence and forethought marking his management of his business affairs.

Captain McManus possessed a fund of animal spirits, proving himself a most companionable man. He was free in his manners, strong in his attachments, and strong in his dislikes ; generous and hospitable in an eminent degree, his house and table were ever open to friends, and that hospitality was bestowed with an ease and cordiality that rendered it doubly acceptable to the recipient.

He died in Brunswick, September 3, 1875.<sup>1</sup>

#### MARTIN, CAPTAIN CLEMENT.

Clement Martin was born in 1790. He was one of Brunswick's most successful ship-masters. Starting upon life with none of the advantages of modern days, he won his way to command and competent fortune through the exercise of an untiring energy, a cool judgment, and great business shrewdness and sagacity. Possessing a clear intellect, he observed closely, storing up many curious and interesting facts of men and things, incidents of his early life. He was a man of strong

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<sup>1</sup> *From the Brunswick Telegraph.*

impulses but of warm feelings, making close friends of those who knew him best. He died June 2, 1869.

MERRILL, JOHN, ESQUIRE.

Mr. John Merrill was a surveyor. Having been employed by Sir William Pepperell to survey some of his land, Pepperell was so well pleased with him that he advised him to move to the District of Maine, and it was doubtless through his recommendation that Merrill was employed by Governor Bowdoin, of Massachusetts, to survey his extensive tract of land.

In 1760, Mr. Merrill packed up his clothes and tools, and with his pack over his shoulder left Arundel, and started on foot for the Androscoggin River. At North Yarmouth he met a man who had just arrived from Brunswick. He asked the man if there would be any trouble in finding the way. "Oh, no," was the reply, "the way is pretty well spotted out." He then asked him the distance, and the answer was, "They call it eighteen miles, but I will swear for it you will think it twenty-eight miles before you get there."

After arriving at Topsham he began to look around for a farm, and finally made a selection of the old Merrill homestead, where he built a log-house in the rear of the site of the present house. He was afterwards rallied by an acquaintance upon what was deemed his lack of judgment in building so far off from the settlement.

While in the employ of Governor Bowdoin he was accustomed each fall, after his season's work was over, to travel on foot, pack on back and staff in hand, to Boston, to render an account of his doings to his employer and receive his pay.

Mr. Merrill was for many years the principal surveyor in Lincoln County. He was very careful and accurate, and showed a good degree of skill for those times. He was a public-spirited and patriotic man. He was one of the selectmen of Topsham in 1764, at the first organization of the town after it was incorporated, and he held that office for eighteen years, at various periods prior to 1800. He was one of the Committee of Correspondence and Safety in 1776, and was one of the principal actors in the affairs of the town during all the period above named. At the June term of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, held at Pownalboro' in 1777, he took his place on the bench as one of the justices, and he also officiated as such in 1782 and 1783. In 1772 he was licensed by the court as a retailer, and also in 1778. He was licensed as an innholder in 1774. At the town meeting December 2, 1776, he was chosen as an officer to take recognizance of debts.



Mr. Merrill was a man of judgment and moral worth. He was an ardent lover of books, and collected a large library at a time when books were both costly and difficult to obtain. It is said that he bought the first Cyclopædia owned in the District of Maine. He was an indulgent father, and it is related that on one occasion, when his daughter Susannah was only seventeen years of age, he yielded to her solicitations and allowed her to make a visit to Boston. She accomplished the journey, riding the whole way on horseback, under the escort of the different mail-carriers on the route. The sight of a beautiful and graceful, as well as daring young damsel, galloping along with her red cloak fluttering behind her, created a sensation in all the settlements and towns through which she passed, and one ardent swain was so smitten by her attractions at that time that he did not rest until he made her acquaintance. He at once proposed, was accepted, and the next spring they were married.

#### MERRILL, COLONEL ABEL.

Colonel Abel Merrill, son of John Merrill, was emphatically a public man in this community. Says one who knew him well: —

“Endowed with good judgment and a thorough knowledge of human nature, superadded to a good education (self-acquired) and a noble mien, he stood foremost among his townsmen. During the war of 1812, and until its close in 1814, he commanded a regiment and did good service in the division of General King, who regarded him as one of his most efficient and accomplished officers. At the close of the war he resigned, and was called into civil service, representing his town in the House and his county in the Senate, besides holding other offices until he declined them altogether. Married to an estimable lady, and having a family of eleven sons and three daughters, all grown up, he, with ample honor and fortune, withdrew from public life to enjoy, with the wife of his youth, a ripe old age in the society of their remaining children, near the church of which they had been active members for over forty years.

“As a Christian, a member of the Masonic fraternity, a politician, a husband and father, he had few equals, while hospitality has ever been an ‘heirloom’ at the Merrill homestead. He could say of his children, that some of them had visited every quarter of the earth, and that neither absence nor distance ever severed the ties which bound them together.”

## MERRILL, CAPTAIN LEONARD P.

Captain Merrill was graduated at Bowdoin College in 1842. He studied law, and practised awhile in Brunswick. He finally went to sea, shipping "before the mast." He rapidly rose, however, in his new occupation, until he came into the command of a vessel. At the time of his death, which occurred in New Orleans, November 1, 1871, at the age of forty-nine years, he was master of the ship *Amity*, of Bath.

Captain Merrill was a good ship-master. He also possessed fine talents and a cultivated taste, and was a good musician. He was a man of thorough integrity of character, and of good judgment and discernment.

## MERRILL, CAPTAIN MOSES EMERY.

Captain Merrill belonged to the Fifth Regiment, United States Infantry. He was with General Taylor in Mexico, and participated in the battles of Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, and the capture of Monterey. He then joined Scott, and was at the taking of Vera Cruz, at Contreras, Cherubusco, and at Molino del Rey, where he fell. His remains were brought to Brunswick for interment.

"The conscientious, gallant, and noble Merrill was detached with the storming party, and fell early in the action, while waving his sword above his head, and urging on his men to the charge. He fell too soon for his country, but covered with glory acquired in many battle-fields."

## MILLER, REVEREND JOHN.

Reverend John Miller, of Milton, Massachusetts, received a call to settle in Brunswick in December, 1761, and was installed over the church of the First Parish in September, 1762. He was settled over this parish for about twenty-four years. During the early part of his ministry he apparently gave good satisfaction, and the church appears to have flourished. Towards the close of his ministry, however, considerable dissatisfaction was felt, charges were made against him, and efforts were several times made to dismiss him. As careful an examination as can now be made into the merits of the case appears to show that the differences between him and a portion of the parish were originally owing to a variance of opinion in regard to matters of church polity. This was a subject upon which the residents of the east and west ends of the town did not harmonize; the latter favoring the Presbyterian, and the former the Congregational form of church

government. Mr. Miller could not, of course, satisfy both sides, and after a while mutual criminations and recriminations occurred which rendered a settlement by an ecclesiastical council necessary. Before, however, the matter was settled, Mr. Miller's death occurred. Several letters of Mr. Miller, and other papers relating to the matter, are preserved in the Pejepscot Collection. Concerning Mr. Miller's abilities as a preacher, and the influence which he exerted, but little can now be said. Judging from his own writings, he was a strict believer in all the doctrines taught in the Westminster Catechism, and endeavored conscientiously to act up to his religious views. At the same time it is believed that he was charitably disposed to those who differed with him in what he deemed minor matters of faith.

#### MINOT, HONORABLE JOHN.

At what time Judge Minot first came to Brunswick is unknown. As early as 1715 the proprietors voted that "Mr. Watts' discourse with Mr. John Minot about his staying there (Brunswick) this winter, if it be needful, to oversee our affairs, to keep our cattle employed in halling Timber, &c., and to forward the building of our Houses." Whether he spent that winter here or not is not known; but he did not, in all probability, take up his permanent residence in the town until after the incorporation, as his name does not appear on the petition for the same, and for some time previously he had been in command of Richmond Fort, and had the control of the truck-house there. He appears, however, to have previously owned a farm on Mair Point.

Judge Minot was town clerk of Brunswick in 1744, and that year recorded the names and ages of his children in the town records, the first entry of the kind that was made. He was a justice of the peace, and subsequently Chief Justice of the Court of Sessions. He also represented the town at the General Court for two or three years. He was chairman of the Board of Selectmen for two years, and was the man authorized by the General Court to call the first town meeting in Harpswell.

Tradition describes Judge Minot as being distinguished for the mildness of his manners, the benevolence of his disposition, and for his anxiety to promote the peace and happiness of all around him. He was a useful citizen, and was always active in his support of religious institutions. In his manner he was kind and courteous, and was highly esteemed and beloved by all, even by the Indians. It is related <sup>1</sup> of

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<sup>1</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*



him that, as he was once passing Mair Brook, on his way home from Fort George, two Indians, concealed behind a tree, were just in the act of shooting him, when one of them recognized him, and exclaimed, "Justice Minot! me no shoot him — he too good man!" The account goes on to state that not long after, this same Indian came to the judge, and wanted some rum for having saved his life on that occasion.

As regards Minot's judicial career but very little is known. He evidently kept his court records loosely, as some of them are still extant, entered in account books and diaries. From what has been said of him as a man, it is fair to presume that his decisions were generally equitable, whatever may have been his knowledge of law.

#### NEWMAN, PROFESSOR SAMUEL P.

Samuel Phillips Newman was born in Andover, Massachusetts, in 1797, was graduated at Harvard College in 1816, and died at Andover, February 10, 1842.

In 1818 he became a tutor at Bowdoin College, and the next year was chosen Professor of Ancient Languages. In 1824 he was transferred to the professorship of Rhetoric and Oratory. He resigned his office in September, 1839, on account of ill health, and removed to Barre, Massachusetts, where he took charge of the Normal School.

For about three years Professor Newman discharged the duties of the president of the college, during the illness of Appleton, the then incumbent. As a professor, he added greatly to the reputation of the college, especially by the publication of his "Practical System of Rhetoric," which, in this country and England, passed through sixty-seven editions, and of his "Elements of Political Economy."

"The chapter on Taste, in his work on Rhetoric, is the result of much reflection, as well as extensive reading, and, though necessarily brief, is one of the most satisfactory treatises on this subject in the language. Mr. Newman devoted, during the last years of his office, much attention to the subject of elocution. He studied the principles developed by Sheridan, Rush, and other writers, with much care, and conducted this difficult and heretofore neglected branch with skill and success.

"As a critic, he was discriminating, of pure taste, well versed in the laws of English composition, and apt in the application of them. In all his relations to the college he was of a ready apprehension, a perspicacious, able teacher, a wise counsellor, and a valuable friend.

"Mr. Newman was never satisfied with superficial or indefinite views. He was not of that number who gather up scraps of knowledge.

Hence he was not discursive in reading. He sought for principles. He investigated patiently and thoroughly, and was not contented unless he had some important subject on hand, for such investigation. He was endowed by nature in an unusual degree with the elements of a fine taste, a quick sensibility to beauty, great simplicity of heart and character, and a strong aversion to whatever is showy or affected. His writings were characterized, by simplicity and naturalness.

“In the relations of private life Professor Newman gained the esteem and affection of all who can appreciate worth. His eye, ever ready to kindle and to melt with tenderness, was a sure index of the warm affections within. How he was regarded as a fellow-citizen and a man, may be known from the general interest ever expressed for his welfare after his removal from his home of many years, and especially during the progress of his long and distressing disease, by those of every condition who had long known him in the various relations of public and private life.

“In 1820, Mr. Newman received a license to preach from the Cumberland Association, and from time to time, as his official duties permitted, he preached with acceptance. As a Christian, he was ever advancing in the divine life. The close of his days afforded a striking exemplification of the power of Christian faith to sustain the soul, and to impart that peace which passeth all understanding.”<sup>1</sup>

#### O'BRIEN JOHN M., ESQUIRE.

Mr. O'Brien was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, September 9, 1786. He graduated at Bowdoin in the first class that ever left that college, 1806, and at his death, in 1865, he was the last member. After graduation he is believed to have studied law in the office of Chief Justice Parsons, of Newburyport. He practised his profession awhile in Boston, but about 1845, perhaps earlier, he removed to Brunswick. After coming here he paid little attention to law, but devoted himself to literature, science, and the mechanic arts. He possessed a remarkable inventive faculty. He had a refined taste, was well read in general literature, was a finished writer, possessed good conversational powers, and was a remarkably good extemporaneous speaker.

In manner he was modest and rather retiring; in disposition sensitive, warm-hearted, and generous; among his friends companionable

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<sup>1</sup> *Portland Advertiser*, March 7, 1842.

and faithful. His wife Hannah was born about 1756, and died October 24, 1826.

Mr. O'Brien died in Brunswick, December 19, 1865.

ORR, BENJAMIN, ESQUIRE.

Honorable Benjamin Orr, the son of John Orr, of Bedford, New Hampshire, was born in Bedford, December 1, 1772. He was for many years a resident of Topsham, and lived in the Ruth Thompson house. He was one of the most brilliant and successful advocates in the State.

The following sketch is abridged from one prepared by Honorable William Willis for another work.<sup>1</sup>

When Benjamin Orr arrived at years of discretion he expressed a desire for a liberal education; but his father, having eight sons to provide for, was not able to comply with his wishes, and apprenticed him to a housewright.

He labored in this capacity for two or three years, when he purchased a release from his indentures, and worked on his own account, keeping steadily in view the prominent idea of his life, — to qualify himself for a learned profession. With this intent his head and hands were constantly busy, working at his trade, pursuing a course of study, and keeping school. By keeping steadily in view his great plan of life, his mind was constantly educating itself amidst his daily mechanical toil, by close attention and constant discipline, superior far to the mere formula and routine study of schools. When in Portland and other towns in which courts were sitting, he embraced the opportunity to spend what time he could spare in listening to their proceedings, hearing the arguments of counsel and the rulings of the court, and thus increasing his stores for improving the operations of his own mind.

In his studies he received much aid from Paul Langdon, a graduate of Harvard, and some time preceptor of Fryeburg Academy, who gave direction to his preparatory studies. With such assistance, and his own unbending perseverance, he was enabled, in 1796, to enter the Junior class of Dartmouth college.

While in college he studied law under the direction of William Woodward, Esquire, of Grafton. On taking his degree in 1798, he entered the office of Samuel Dinsmore, late governor of New Hampshire, and continued there something over a year, when, thinking

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<sup>1</sup> *The Courts and Lawyers of Maine.*



Maine would be the best field for his future labors, he proceeded to Hallowell, and placed himself under the tuition of the late Judge Wilde. In the autumn of 1801 he was admitted to the bar in Lincoln County, and immediately opened an office in Topsham, where Mr. Hasey was then the solitary practitioner. In 1803 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court, and from the position he at once took at the bar, his practice became very extensive in his own and the adjoining county of Cumberland. On one occasion he encountered the able and distinguished Jeremiah Mason, of New Hampshire, in a bill of equity before the Circuit Court of the United States. The case was of great importance, as may be supposed by the engagement of such an advocate as Mason. His success was complete and triumphant, and he was highly complimented by Mr. Mason for the manner and ability with which he conducted the cause.

In Chancery practice Mr. Orr became quite eminent, and is said to have been without a rival in the State. He pursued his large and successful practice without interruption by extraneous employments, except for two years from 1817, when he represented the Lincoln district in Congress. During the first session he did not much engage in debate. On the thirteenth of March he made an able speech in opposition to a resolution which declared that it was the duty and in the power of Congress to authorize the making of post, military, and other roads and canals within the several States. The resolution was, however, adopted, by a vote of ninety to seventy-five. At the next session Mr. Orr made a speech on the Massachusetts Claim, and he also spoke twice on a bill relating to the coasting trade. His remarks were characterized by sound sense, conciseness, and entire pertinency to the subjects under discussion. Mr. Orr was a useful member, by his clear perceptions, his promptness and fidelity to the duties of his station, and the ability with which he treated every subject to which he gave his attention.

This was the last public office which Mr. Orr held. The practice of law suited him far better, and was better adapted to his powers, his education, and his inclinations. He sought it in its highest forms: it gave full scope to his clear and comprehensive mind and his severe dialectic talent, and he pursued it with elevated aspirations and lofty endeavors which would have no fellowship with meanness in any shape. As an advocate Mr. Orr was concise, logical, and forcible. He seized upon the salient points of a case, and pressed them with a power that was invincible. He did not waste his strength in efforts to sustain the weak points of his cause, but poured a concentrated light upon its

strong features. The manner in which he viewed this style of managing a cause may be inferred from his reply to an anxious client, who, sitting by him as he was closing a splendid argument, in which, with conciseness and force peculiar to himself, he had presented his case to the jury, suggested to him some point which he had not touched upon. "I have argued your cause, sir, and cannot stop to pick up the chips." As a lawyer his mind was clear, discriminating, and exact. As he grew in experience and reputation, his business rapidly increased, and his services were called for in all parts of the State.

Immediately after his death, Chief Justice Mellen, in a charge to the grand jury, September, 1828, spoke of him as one "who had long stood, confessedly, at the head of the profession of our State; who had distinguished himself by the depth and solidity of his understanding, by his legal acumen and research, by the power of his intellect, the commanding energy of his reasoning, the uncompromising firmness of his principles, and the dignity and lofty sense of honor, truth, and justice which he uniformly displayed in his professional career and in the walks of private life."

Mr. Orr was appointed one of the overseers of Bowdoin College, and afterwards, in 1814, was chosen a Trustee, which office he held at the time of his death; and during this time, for one or two years, he held the office of treasurer.

His wife formerly resided in Newburyport, Massachusetts. She was a descendant from John Robinson, the Leyden pilgrim, and venerated pastor of the Plymouth Church before its migration. By her he had eleven children. The death of this excellent lady, to whom he was most tenderly attached, struck a severe blow upon Mr. Orr, from which he never recovered. His letters to her, when he was absent in Congress or upon the circuit, were filled with expressions of anxious solicitude for her health, of deep interest in her comfort, pleasure, and welfare; and when she was taken from him, he ceased to find consolation or support.

He died in 1828.

His sons, John and Henry, were educated at Bowdoin College. John graduated in 1834, and entered the ministry. Henry graduated in 1846, and entered upon the practice of law in Brunswick, where he is still settled.

#### OWEN, PHILIP.

Philip Owen was born in Brunswick, in February, 1756, and died May 28, 1849. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and a

member of the General Court in 1812 and 1813. The following extract from a letter written by him, under date of June 14, 1843, to J. T. Buckingham, president of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, in response to an invitation to attend the celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, will best show his services. He was then in his eighty-eighth year, and declined the invitation on account of his infirmities.

“In May, 1777, being then twenty-one years of age, I went with the army to Fort Ticonderoga, and was there when General Burgoyne came up the lake. Our army, three thousand in number, retreated from this post to Hubbardston, a distance of twenty-four miles, when General Frazer came up in pursuit. I was in the engagement for a quarter of an hour at close quarters; and when our army was obliged then to retreat, with a loss of two hundred and fifty men, Colonel Francis, of Beverly, was shot, close behind me, after a gallant defence. I was also present at the battle of Stillwater, when General Frazer attacked Colonel Morgan. The latter was reinforced by our soldiers, and the fight then became general, from two o'clock till dark. The surrender of Burgoyne took place three days after this, on the 17th of October. I also guarded the army's stores at Monmouth, New Jersey, in 1778; and when the British Colonel Monkton was killed, his body was left in my care.

“I was also a witness of the memorable execution of Major André on the 2d of October, 1780. Our army, under General Patterson, was then stationed at West Point. Having obtained leave of absence, I fell in with the guard who were appointed to attend Major André on that occasion, and thus had an excellent opportunity for witnessing the scene. The events of the day are still as fresh in my memory as those of yesterday. I saw him remove his stock, and prepare himself for his final scene, with as much composure as though attending to his usual employments.”

#### PAGE, DOCTOR JONATHAN.

Doctor Page was born in Conway, New Hampshire, in October, 1777. He came to Brunswick in the year 1795, and commenced the practice of medicine in 1800. His practice soon became extensive, and continued increasingly so until the sickness which terminated in his death. Among the distinguished men in his profession, he held a highly respectable rank. He was well skilled in the principles and practice of his art, and was considered an eminently judicious and successful practitioner.



Doctor Page was favorably and conspicuously known in public life. He was for several years a member of the Senate of Massachusetts, before the separation of Maine from that State. When provision was made for the separation of Maine, and when, in connection with the assumption of rights of self-government, she was required to form a Constitution for herself, he was chosen a member of the convention to whom that important duty was assigned. To such an assembly, whose business it was to establish the fundamental law which should define and secure the rights of succeeding generations, it was no small honor to belong. He was subsequently a member of the Senate of Maine.

Intelligent and active, and ever taking a deep interest in whatever came under his examination, he could not be for any length of time a member of any public body without leaving the impress of his character. He was one of the original members of the Maine Medical Society, and for many years a member of the Faculty of the Maine Medical School connected with Bowdoin College. He was also for more than twenty years a member of the Board of Overseers of the college.

In his private as well as his public and professional relations, he was highly esteemed and beloved, frank, sociable, and open-hearted in his intercourse with his family and friends, ready to say and to do what he thought was right. He died at Brunswick on Friday, November 18, 1842, in the sixty-sixth year of his age.

#### PATTEN, JOHN.

John Patten came to America, in company with his father, in 1727; landed in Boston, and thence came to Saco, Maine, where his father settled. He removed to Topsham about 1750, and settled on a tract of land, about two hundred acres, which was then a wilderness, but is now a fine farm, pleasantly situated in sight of Merrymeeting Bay. He had the character of an honest and industrious man, who was upright in all the walks and relations of life. He was a farmer, and had also the trade of blacksmith, and had a shop on the farm, where he employed a portion of his time, and performed the blacksmith work of the vicinity. He was also engaged in the lumber business to a certain extent, and was a proprietor in the Cathance Mill right, and of one sixteenth of the saw-mill and stream. He was somewhat engaged, also, in ship-building and navigation, and he, with John Fulton, Adam Hunter, and William Patten, built the first vessel ever launched

above the "Chops," and the second built upon the Kennebec, above Bath.<sup>1</sup>

By industry and attention to business, he accumulated considerable property, and was one of the most influential and useful members of society in his day, especially in town and parish matters. He was a man of good appearance, tall and well proportioned, of commanding presence, active and quick in his movements, kind and affectionate to his family, and to all within the circle of his acquaintance. He was religious from his youth, having always enjoyed the example and instruction of a pious father, and at the time of his death was a deacon of the Congregational Church in Topsham. He was a strict observer of the Sabbath, and a constant attendant upon the services of the day, though residing some miles from the place of public worship. He died April 7, 1795, aged seventy-seven years.

#### PATTEN, CAPTAIN ROBERT.

Robert Patten was the eldest son of the subject of the preceding sketch, and came to Topsham with his father while a boy. When about twenty-five years of age he married and settled on a lot of land about a mile from his father's. His farm and residence at that time was in Topsham, but by a change of the boundary line his farm afterwards came within the limits of Bowdoinham.

Mr. Patten was an industrious, hard-working man, possessed of a great amount of perseverance in the accomplishment of whatever he undertook. His chief employment for some time was farming. Besides the management of his farm he built, during his lifetime, a number of vessels, and was always more or less engaged in navigation. In his business concerns, while he met with much success, he also met with many losses. He was interested in six vessels, which were lost in the course of his business life. Of one of these he was sole owner; of the others, part owner only. Twice he suffered the loss of his dwelling-house by fire. Yet notwithstanding these serious checks to his prosperity, he succeeded in maintaining himself through life in good circumstances as to property, and died possessed of a considerable estate. The advantages for an education were of course very limited at that period. A few weeks' schooling was all that was enjoyed by the subject of this sketch, when young; yet by his own application, with what aid he received from members of the family, he acquired a decent

<sup>1</sup> See Chapter X, p. 331.

education for that day. When about the age of thirty he was chosen captain of a militia company by his fellow-citizens. This country being then under England, his commission was from the king's "Council of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay," and was dated July 1, 1776, just three days before the declaration of our national independence. He was a person of remarkable health. He was never confined a day by sickness for nearly or quite ninety years, never took any medicine during that long period, and retained all his teeth, fair and sound, until within a short time of his death, in his ninety-eighth year.

#### PACKARD, REVEREND CHARLES.

Reverend Charles Packard, a son of Reverend Doctor Hezekiah Packard, a graduate and tutor of Harvard College, was born in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, April 12, 1801. The following year his father became pastor of the Congregational Church at Wiscasset, Maine, and there the boy spent his early days and fitted for Bowdoin College. He entered, at the age of twelve, the class which was graduated in 1817, and of which the late Doctor James McKeen was a member.

The next few years were spent in teaching. Later he was a private tutor in the family of Robert H. Gardiner, Esquire, of Gardiner. In the office of Frederick Allen, Esquire, in that town, Mr. Packard began the study of law, finishing his legal course with the Honorable Benjamin Orr, of Brunswick. Admitted to the bar, he opened an office in what is now known as Day's Block, Maine Street. His practice was a remunerative one, and a change of profession later on involved the forsaking of an opportunity for enjoying a very considerable income. The record of his years as a lawyer shows that the conscientiousness, clearness, and strength of subsequent professional acts and exercises were but the development of his early characteristics. As a pupil of the eminent lawyer, Mr. Orr, he gained broad ideas of the study and practice of the profession, and he did no discredit to his teacher.

In 1834 there was a special interest in religion in the town, and together with his intimate friend, Robert P. Dunlap, Mr. Packard turned his thought in a new channel and became a communicant of the church on the hill.

In the full career of a successful practice, and with a family gathered about him in a pleasant home, it was no small thing for him to decide to enter the ministry. But he felt that it was his duty; and so



feeling there was but one thing for him to do : he accordingly determined to begin forthwith a course in theology.

While a citizen of Brunswick Mr. Packard for a few months did editorial work on the *Androscoggin Free Press* and the *Brunswick Journal*. After his marriage his residence was in the house on Pleasant Street so long occupied by the late William Baker ; and it was by no means his least title to the name of a good citizen of the town that he planted the magnificent elms on the north side of the street which now ornament the vicinity.

His studies in divinity began at Andover, where he remained one year ; from that place he removed to Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio. His first pastoral charge was at Hamilton, Ohio, but the climate proved so uncongenial to his family that he was forced to resign and return to the East. For the next fifteen years his work was at Lancaster, Massachusetts. For many years one of the school committee of the town, he was devoted to the idea of making the most of the common-school system. In all matters of public reform and morality he was in the front rank. The three years from 1854 to 1857 were passed in Cambridge and North Middleboro', Massachusetts, where his record was, "An interesting and able preacher, a most genial Christian and gentleman." He entered upon his final pastoral engagement in 1857, with the Second Congregational Church, Biddeford, Maine. There were large accessions to his church. Here, again, he showed himself the good citizen. When he died, there was a great company to lament him. They came from all social and religious divisions of the inhabitants.

The burial was on Monday, February 21, 1864, in Brunswick, in the graveyard on the hill. At the church, Reverend Doctor Adams reviewed, in his own felicitous, frank, and feeling way, the life of his former parishioner and constant good friend. That address is authority for even more eulogism than the writer of this memorial has used. Mr. Packard was a pioneer in the antislavery uprising. He was not ashamed to be called an abolitionist. Good men doubted, temporizers clamored ; but moved by his conscience he would not hold his peace. At a time when to be an abolitionist made a preacher a marked man, he counted professional success (so far as place and profit are concerned) a small thing. He had in him the stuff of which martyrs are made. In his preaching, the habits of the lawyer were manifest. He generally used a few notes, and talked as if to a jury. Plain common-sense, Bible phrases, familiar illustrations, simple arguments, were the staple of his discourses, but all was delivered as by authority. Of commanding presence, there was in his voice and whole carriage





*Nathaniel Perkins*



that which testified to his substantial and uncompromising character. "Without fear and without reproach" is no exaggerated summary of a life which was obedient to duty, faithful to the demands of public and private morality and charity, and which was sustained by "the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope."

#### PERKINS, MAJOR NAHUM.

Nahum Perkins was born in Sandford, Maine, April 25, 1787, and was one of a family of ten children. He belonged to a very athletic race.<sup>1</sup> He was brought up to hard work and good habits. He had nothing with which to commence life but good health and his hands.

When a boy, he went to live with a farmer, who, having no children, wished to adopt him and make him his heir; but he preferred, with his pack on his back and a shilling in his pocket, to seek his own fortune. He came to Topsham in 1807. He at first drove a stage from Portland to Augusta, then engaged in monthly labor on the land and at the mills, till he accumulated sufficient means to engage in trade and lumbering. During the prostration of business occasioned by the war of 1812, he returned to the farm and, at considerable expense, repaired the buildings and put it in order; but upon the revival of business he returned to his cherished pursuits in Topsham. Being of a retiring disposition, he rather avoided than sought public position. He commanded the battalion in this vicinity in the latter part of 1820, and was for some time member of a general court-martial, convened on the Penobscot. He was a member of the State legislature in 1825, and for three subsequent terms. While there, his store, stock of goods, and account books were all destroyed by fire, causing a large loss of property, and leaving him considerably in debt. So strict was his sense of obligation to his creditors that he turned over to them all his property, even to the family Bible. Such was the regard of the members of the legislature for him that they presented him with fifteen hundred dollars.

He at one time, with other parties, contracted to build a vessel. When the vessel was partly completed, she took fire on the stocks and was destroyed. The contract with the master builder, who was a poor man, was not made in writing, and the parties were not legally held to him. Major Perkins, however, and one other gentleman concerned, considered themselves *morally* responsible, and footed the bills.

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<sup>1</sup> His father, Jabez Perkins, at the age of ninety-six, cut, sharpened, and carried out of the woods on his back, a hundred fence-stakes in one day.

Major Perkins was a very industrious man. From sixteen to seventy-nine he did a man's work, and died of work. He was a generous man. No legitimate charity appealed to him in vain. His generosity was carried to the point of self-denial. His life was filled up with neighborly acts of charity. His home was the centre of a large liberality and unstinted benevolence.

In 1840 he made a public profession of religion, uniting with the Congregational Society of Topsham, of which he continued an active and useful member until his death, which occurred in October, 1865.

#### PERRY, DEACON JOHN.

Mr. Perry was born at Rehoboth, county of Bristol, Massachusetts, December 3, 1772. In 1798 he moved to Brunswick, where he remained until 1833, when he removed to Orono. He was married in 1802 to Jane, daughter of Colonel William Stanwood, of Brunswick, and had seven children. He was the agent of the cotton-mill established in Brunswick in 1812, and was engaged in general trade for many years. He was a justice of the peace, and was a selectman in 1807 and 1808. He was also, it is claimed, the founder of the first Sabbath school in Brunswick.

"As a husband and father he was most devoted, affectionate, and kind. Possessing a warm heart and a mind well stored by extensive reading and close and judicious observation, he was ever an agreeable and instructive companion, and his society always welcome. As a citizen he was active and enterprising, and his example and influence always on the right side. As a neighbor, always kind and obliging, and as cheerful to do good offices as to receive them. In the support and promotion of the moral and benevolent institutions of the day, he was consistent, firm, and liberal. Of the cause of missions, in particular, he was an ardent and devoted friend. He made a public profession of religion in 1811, and united with the Congregational Church in Brunswick. In 1820 he was elected to the office of deacon, and held it until his removal to Orono in 1833. He was chosen to fill the same office at Orono."<sup>1</sup>

He died March 18, 1846.

#### PERRY, WILLIAM S.

The subject of this sketch was a son of Deacon John Perry, of Brunswick. He attended the public schools until he was sixteen years

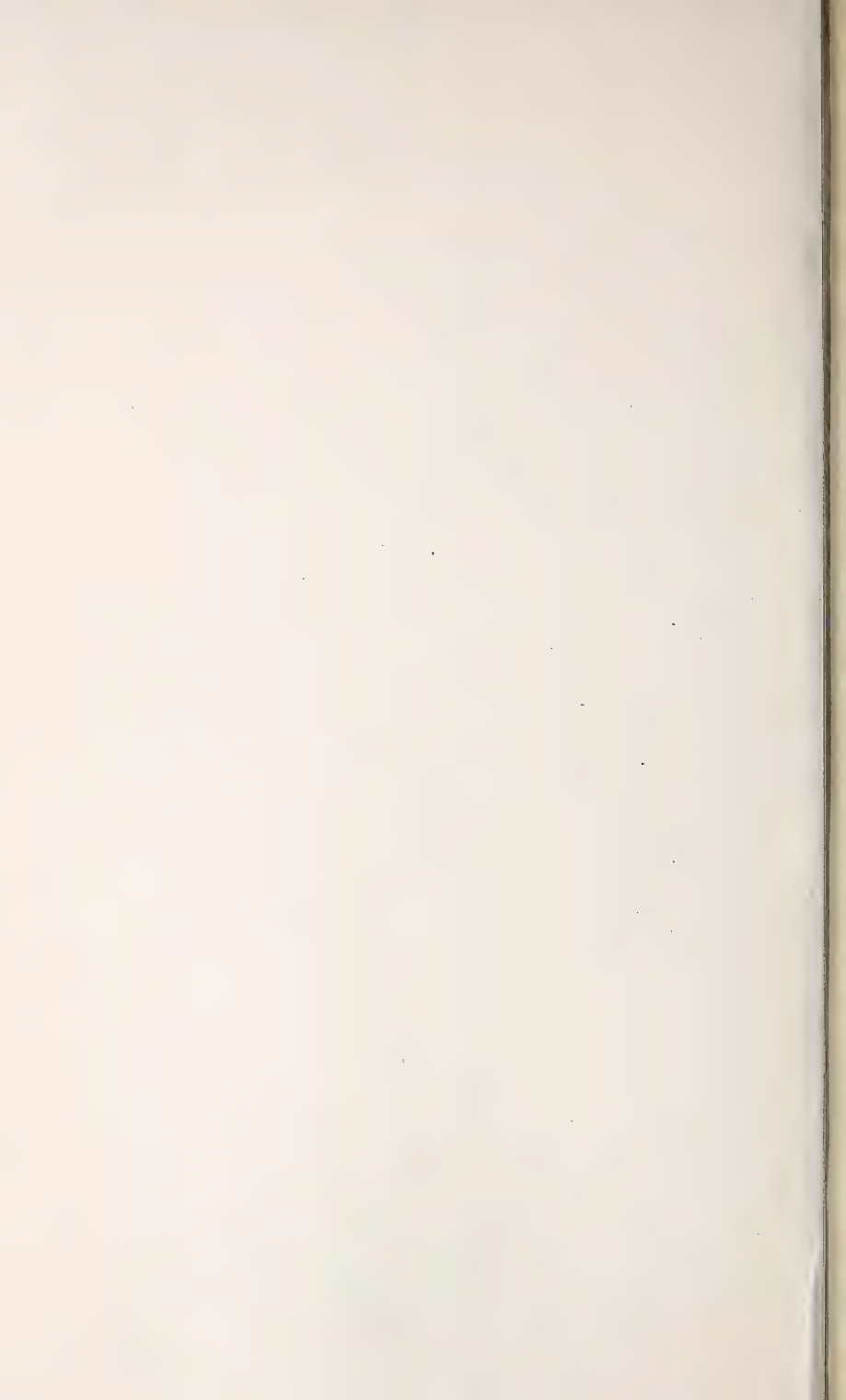
<sup>1</sup> *Christian Mirror.*



Very truly yours

William S. Perry





of age, when he went to work. When he became twenty-one years of age he engaged in the lumber business in Boston. While a resident of Massachusetts he became a director in the Mount Wollaston Bank, in Quincy. In 1870 he returned to Brunswick and bought the property of Professor Boody, on Maine Street. He was a member of the Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College, and a director of the Union National Bank, of Brunswick. He died in Brunswick, April 8, 1873, aged a little more than fifty-six years.

Mr. Perry, though not possessed of a collegiate education, was a good scholar, and was well versed in Latin, French, and mathematics. He was a great reader and fond of historical studies. He was genial and loving in his disposition, upright in business, and interested in the welfare of the town.

PORTER, BENJAMIN JONES, M. D.

Doctor Porter, the son of Major Billy Porter, was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, September 20, 1763, and died in Camden, Maine, August 18, 1847. After completing his academical course at Byfield Academy he studied medicine with his uncle, Doctor Jones, a surgeon in the Continental army. He was commissioned as surgeon's mate in Tupper's (Eleventh) Regiment, April 10, 1780, and in H. Jackson's (Fourth) Regiment in 1783. He afterwards practised his profession successively in Scarboro', Westbrook, and Portland.

He settled in Topsham about 1793, and built the house, now destroyed, nearly opposite Alfred White's, and just east of that formerly occupied by John H. Thompson, Esquire. He went into the lumbering business with William King, afterwards governor of Maine. The firm went by the name of Porter & King. They were also engaged in trade, and their store stood about where Goud's store now is. He engaged but very little in practice after coming to Topsham. He afterwards built the house now owned and occupied by Mrs. Susan T. Purinton. He took a prominent part in politics; was a councillor and senator from Lincoln County, before the separation; was one of the commissioners to divide the State property of Maine and Massachusetts in 1820.

He accumulated considerable property, but sustained severe losses in consequence of the embargo, and also by the freshet on the Androscoggin River, in 1814. He had the honorary degree of A. M. conferred upon him by Bowdoin College in 1809, and was a fellow and treasurer of the college from 1806 to 1815. He removed to Camden in 1829, where he spent the remainder of his life. He is said to have

been a man of rare conversational powers and of great suavity of manners.

PURCHASE, THOMAS.

(PURCHIS OR PERCHES.)

Thomas Purchase, the first settler in Brunswick, was probably born in England, not far from the year 1576. His widow, in her petition to the Probate Court<sup>1</sup> in 1678, states that he was one hundred and one years old at his death.

Concerning his ancestry nothing whatever is known, and but very little as to his connections. There is no known relationship between him and Reverend Samuel Purchas, author of the "Pilgrimages."

There is, however, reason to suppose that there was a relationship of some kind between Thomas Purchase and Reverend Robert Jordan. In a letter from John Winter, whose daughter Jordan subsequently married, dated Richmond Island, the second of August, 1641, occurs the following paragraph:—

"Heare is on Mr. Robert Jorden a mynister w<sup>ch</sup> hath bin w<sup>th</sup> vs this 3 moneths w<sup>ch</sup> is a very honest religious man by anything as yett I can find in him, I have not yett agreed w<sup>th</sup> him for stayinge heare but did refer yt tyll I did heare som word from you we weare long w<sup>thout</sup> a mynister & weere but in a bad way & so we shall be still iff we have not the word of God taught vnto us somtymes the plantation at pemequid would willingly have him or the[y] desire he might be their on halfe of the yeare & the other half to be heare w<sup>th</sup> vs I know not how we shall accord uppon yt as yett he hath bin heare in the country this 2 yeares & hath alwaies lived w<sup>th</sup> Mr. Purchase w<sup>ch</sup> is a kinsman unto him."<sup>2</sup>

What this kinship was does not appear, but it was evidently a blood relationship. This fact is of interest, as it connects the Jordans of Brunswick and vicinity with the original owner of the Pejepscot tract.

Thomas Purchase was twice married. His first wife was the Mary Gove<sup>3</sup> whom Sir Christopher Gardiner called his "cousin," and in regard to whose relations with Gardiner there had been some scandal. The marriage occurred about 1631. She died in Boston, January 7, 1656. It is not definitely known that there were any children by this marriage. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Williams. The date

<sup>1</sup> Probate Records, Lynn. A copy at Salem.

<sup>2</sup> This letter, found among the Trelawney papers, is now in the possession of J. Wingate Thornton, Esquire.

<sup>3</sup> Third Series, Mass. Hist. Coll., 8, p. 320. — Letter of Thomas Wiggin, of Dover, to Emanuel Downing, brother-in-law of Winthrop, in Dover.



of this marriage cannot be ascertained with certainty ; but it was probably very shortly after the death of his first wife, as in 1678 his son, in his petition with his mother to the Probate Court, calls himself " a young man." If his parents were married one year after the death of the first wife, he could only have been, at the time this petition was presented, twenty-one years of age.

By this second marriage there were five children.<sup>1</sup> Of these children only the names of three have been preserved, viz., Thomas, Jane, and Elizabeth.

Traditionary accounts place the date of Purchase's immigration all the way between 1624 and 1635. The Warumbo deed makes it about 1624 or 1625. Mr. Frederick Kidder, in a letter to the late Reverend Edward Ballard, places the date at 1626, and refers to the " Narrative of the Plantation of Massachusetts Colony, 1694, published by an Old Planter," pages 17 and 18. In Savage's " Genealogical Dictionary " the date is given as 1628, and this date is also given in the deed of John Blaney and Elizabeth. The deed of Eleazer Way, however, gives the date as 1635. Folsom makes it about 1630. In the deposition of John Cozzen, it is stated that he came to Pejepscot in 1628, and that he came from Saco, where Folsom mentions his presence, in 1630.

He probably migrated to this country, very likely coming first to Saco, about the year 1626. There is little doubt but that he came to Pejepscot in 1628. There is conclusive evidence that he was at Pejepscot prior to the date of the grant of land that was made to him and Way. Probably the four or five years of his early stay in that region caused him to become well acquainted with the value of the tract which he afterwards acquired.

In the proceedings of the Plymouth Council in England, the following minute is entered : —

" 16 June, 1632, 8 Cat. I. The said Councill graunt certaine, called the River Bishopscott, unto George Way and Thomas Purchase."

The action of this Council in relation to the assignment of the territory in question was also dated June 16, 1632, and is as follows : —

" A Graunt part to George Way and Thomas Purchase of certaine Lands in New England, called the River Bishopscotte, and all that Bounds and Limitts of the Maine Land, adjoining to the said River to extend two myles : from the said River Northwards four myles, and

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<sup>1</sup> In 1741 the Pejepscot proprietors reserved seven hundred acres of land for the heirs of Thomas Purchase, i. e., " Elizabeth and her five children by Mr. Purchase, and her son, Samuel Pike."

from the *house*<sup>1</sup> *there* to the Ocean sea with all other Profitts and Commodities whatsoever, paying to the King one fifth part of gold and silver oare, and another fifth part to the President and Councill, also paying twelve pence to the said President and Councill for every hundred Acres of Ground in use, to the rent-gatherer for the time being, as by the same Graunt may appeare.”<sup>2</sup>

The location of Thomas Purchase's residence at Pejepscot is still a matter of doubt, notwithstanding that there are in the Pejepscot Papers over one hundred depositions in regard to it. The probabilities are greatly in favor of the supposition that he changed his abode several times.

Both the late John McKeen, Esquire, and Reverend Doctor Ballard were of the opinion that his earliest residence was at “Fish-House Hill” in the present village of Brunswick. Joshua Fillbrook, who moved to Bath in 1738, has, however, left on record a statement to the effect that Purchase lived near the head of Stevens, or New Meadows River.<sup>3</sup>

Williamson<sup>4</sup> and Sewall<sup>5</sup> make similar statements. No attempt has been made to decide the question by making a count of the various depositions preserved in the Pejepscot Papers, for the reason that a mere numerical preponderance of testimony would have no weight unless those who composed the majority of deponents could be shown to have more trustworthy sources of information than the others. Moreover, these depositions were probably not given to determine the exact abode of Purchase, but to put beyond cavil the fact that he had actually occupied the territory. They do, however, settle beyond a reasonable doubt the fact that he did, at different periods of his stay at Pejepscot, reside in two separate places.

It is not, perhaps, possible, at the present day, to determine with certainty whether his earliest residence was at Fish-House Hill or at New Meadows. We incline, however, to the opinion that McKeen and Ballard were right in supposing it to be at the former locality, for the reason that very early after his coming to the place, he engaged in the salmon fishery, which was of course carried on at the falls, and he undoubtedly had his residence near. The evidence that he at some time resided at the Ten-Mile or Lisbon Falls is entirely traditional, but is not altogether improbable.

Considerable confusion and uncertainty have existed in regard to the

<sup>1</sup> *The italics are ours.*

<sup>2</sup> *Sainsbury, Colonial Papers, 1, No. 52, p. 7.*

<sup>3</sup> *James Curtis's Journal in Historical Library.*

<sup>4</sup> *Hist. of Maine, 1, p. 33, note, and p. 69.*

<sup>5</sup> *Popham Memorial Volume, p. 342.*

date of Purchase's death, and some have even supposed that there were more than two of that name at Pejepscot.

W. Neale and several others depose that he died about 1654. Savage, referring to other authorities, gives the date as 1678. The will on record in Probate Court gives it at 1677. A Thomas Purchase is mentioned in Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary" as having sailed on a voyage in 1681, and never after being heard from. R. Collicutt deposed that he went to England about 1677.

The record of the will is evidently more authoritative than all else. It is only necessary to show that it is the will of Thomas Purchase of Pejepscot, and not that of his son or of some other Thomas. The following is a synopsis of the statements in the will, which is preserved at Lynn, and a copy of which is in the Probate Office at Salem. Thomas Purchase, Senior, died in Lynn, May 11, 1676-7, aged one hundred and one years. Left a wife, Elizabeth, and five children. His son Thomas was appointed executor of his will. The overseers of the will were Mr. Henry Josselin, Cozen, Mr. Oliver Purchase, of the firm of Hamersmith & Co., and Mr. Edward Allen, of Boston. The widow, who was administratrix, made oath to the foregoing in 1678. In November of that year he married John Blaney. The date of her death is not known. In an account of Samuel Pike against the estate he charged for board of Mr. Purchase for seven months, of two children for a year and a half, of one child for one year, and of one child for fifteen months.

This *will* was without doubt that of Thomas Purchase, of Pejepscot. There is, however, in the same probate office, to be found the following document: —

AN INVENTORY OF THE GOODS AND ESTATE OF THOMAS PURCHASE, DECEASED,  
TAKEN THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OF JUNE, 1685, AS FOLLOWS.

Imp. to one fether bed and all the furniture belonging to it .	£7	18s.	6d.
To 3 pillow Cases, 12 napkins, 3 table Cloths, 6 towels, .	1	8s.	0d.
To 1 wasswl (wash bowl?) 10/ one c b cloth 5/ 1 pr. shelves 3/ is . . . . .	0	18s.	0d.
In plate appraised at . . . . .	6	10	0.
To 1 pr. andirons, freshovel and tongs . . . . .	0	13	0.
To 1 Iron pot, brass Skillet & Iron hake at . . . . .	0	14	6.
To 3 pewter platters, 3 basins, 3 porenges & 2 Sases . . . . .	0	13	6.
To earthen ware at . . . . .	0	3	0.
To 1 pine table, 1 jug nd stove & 6 charge at . . . . .	0	15	0.
To 2 chests, 1 trunk, and 2 boxes at . . . . .	1	0	0.
To 1 gun, 1 sword and belt at . . . . .	2	0	0.
To one warming pan, small one, at . . . . .	0	7	0.
To 1 mare and mare colt, 3 sheep and a lamb at . . . . .	3	0	0.
To money and goods of Mr. Wharton . . . . .	18	8	0.
	44	8	6.



To 1000 acres of vacant land at eastward.

[The value of which is not assigned.]

Debts due out of the Estate is . . . . .	£2 13s. 6d.
Debts due to the estate . . . . .	2 50 0d.

Elizabeth Purchase, Administratrix, presented this | Inventory of y<sup>e</sup> Estate  
of her husband, Thomas Purchase, deceased, HENRY SKENEY, Jun<sup>r</sup>.  
with her oath | to itt & if anymore come JOHN BLANEY.  
to her knowledge | to give accountt of y<sup>e</sup> same at Salem Court holden I June  
30th 1685.

Attest

JOHN APPLETON, Hm<sup>le</sup> of Court |

On the outside of the schedule was written, in parenthesis,

“ Purchis Thomas to Elizabeth Williams, Thomas b. Jan. 29, 1679.”

This *inventory* was, in all probability, that of the estate of Thomas Purchase, Jr., who, it is to be presumed, went to England to obtain a copy of the patent, and was lost at sea. The inventory, it will be noticed, states the amount of land at Pejepscot at 1000 acres, which would be a reasonable amount of land for the son to own, but would be only a small part of the tract belonging to the father.

The depositions of Neale and Collicutt — the first that he died about 1654, and the second that he went to England in 1677 — are easily disposed of. Neale's testimony was only hearsay, and the mistake may have occurred in consequence of the death of Mary, the first wife, which took place in 1656. Collicutt's testimony was to the effect that Thomas Purchase, Senior, told him, in 1677, that he was going to England to obtain a copy of his patent, and that he took him “ from the eastward to Boston,” for that purpose. He says, moreover, that Purchase “ took passage quickly after.” There is nothing in this statement inconsistent with the supposition that Thomas Purchase, the first, of Pejepscot, died in 1766, and that his son was the one to whom Collicutt referred, and who may have been lost at sea on his way back from England, in 1681, or who may have then been on his way thither.

The ground taken in this sketch is further corroborated by a deed from Thomas Purchase, the grandson, to Samuel Waldo, in which he states that he is the *only* son of the Thomas Purchase who was the *eldest* son of Thomas Purchase who occupied Pejepscot from the third year of King Charles the First until 1675. This deed<sup>1</sup> is dated 1734, and must have been of part of the land set off by the Pejepscot proprietors.

Purchase, during his residence at Pejepscot, was probably engaged

<sup>1</sup> York Co. Records, Vol. 16, p. 162.

in different pursuits at different times. He is mentioned as a hunter and trader with the Indians, as being engaged in the salmon fishery, and as a planter. The causes that led to his emigration can never be known; but there is every reason for supposing that he came to Pejepscot in pursuit of furs and peltry, which he acquired partly by his own exertions in the chase and partly by traffic with the natives. He was also engaged for the whole period of his residence in obtaining salmon and sturgeon, and packing them for exportation to London,<sup>1</sup> and probably collected a number of settlers near him.

He also cultivated the soil, and at the time of the attack upon his house by the Indians, in 1676, he was possessed of stock, and probably had what in those days would be considered a respectable farm.

His first house was destroyed by fire, and "by this disaster he lost in the flames the only copy of the patent by which he held his property. The original had been left with Mr. Francis Ashley, in England."<sup>2</sup> It was very likely soon after this fire that he changed his place of abode. At all events, he soon after erected "a small cottage for a present shelter," and it was while here that he was visited by Mr. Edward Rishworth.<sup>3</sup> This structure was afterwards superseded by "a fair stone house," in which he is supposed to have lived during the remainder of his residence at Pejepscot.

Thomas Purchase must have been a man well known in the colony. He not only held at different times offices of trust and responsibility, but also made, it would seem, a frequent appearance in court.

The first account of him after his immigration to this country is of his appearance at Saco in 1630.

On June 25 of that year he was present with Isaac Allerton, Captain Thomas Wiggen, and others, and saw Richard Vines take legal possession of the land granted him and John Oldham, on the south-west side of Saco River.<sup>4</sup>

In 1631 he was at Pejepscot, where he was visited in July by Sir Christopher Gardiner, who remained with him about a year.<sup>5</sup>

In 1636 he was present as one of the commissioners, on March 25, at the house of Captain R. Boynton, in Saco. His associates were Captain Boynton, Captain W. Gorges, Captain Camnock, Messrs. H. Jocelyn, E. Godfrey and T. Lewis.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Douglass, *History*.

<sup>2</sup> *Maine Hist. Coll.*, 3, p. 330.

<sup>3</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*.

<sup>4</sup> *Folsom, History of Saco, etc.*, p. 30.

<sup>5</sup> *Winthrop*, 1, p. 68. *Massachusetts Historical Collection, Third Series*, 8, p. 220.

<sup>6</sup> *Folsom, Opus cit.*, p. 49.

This was the first organized court within the limits of the present State of Maine.<sup>1</sup>

On August 22, 1639, he made legal conveyance to John Winthrop, governor of Massachusetts, of all his land, and put himself under the power and jurisdiction of that colony. He reserved, however, such a claim to the ownership of the land as practically annulled that part of the contract.<sup>2</sup>

In 1640, Purchase again appears in court at Saco, but this time not on the bench but before the bar, and also as a jurymen. There were five indictments against him at this court. On July 14 of this year he was summoned to appear at court on the eighth of September following, and an order was at the same time issued to Robert Sankey of Saco, the provost marshal, to bring him before the court on September 8, to answer to divers complaints not specified, and particularly that credible information had been given that he had conveyed the greater part of his goods and chattels out of the province, in consequence of his indebtedness to divers persons; or to take sufficient security for his appearance at the session of the council established for the province. On his refusal his property was to be attached and brought to Saco. The first complaint was brought by Giles Elbridge, of Pemaquid, in an action of debt. Purchase made his appearance, but for some reason the case was not tried.

The second complaint against him was by Richard Vines in a similar action. This case also was not tried.

The third complaint was by Richard Tucker, of Casco, and was to the effect that nine years previously Sir Christopher Gardiner had borrowed a warming-pan of him in Purchase's name, which was worth twelve shillings and sixpence, and had kept it. Also that six months afterwards he had bought a fowling-piece for forty shillings, and would not pay for the same, though often requested. The damages were placed at five pounds. Purchase denied that Gardiner did these things in his name, and declared that if he did he was not authorized to do so. Purchase further declared that the above facts were unknown to him, and that he had no recollection of any demand being made as alleged. "But Mr. George Cleaves had asked him causelessly for these articles; but he being a partner with the defendant, had acquitted him from all causes of action whatever."

The issue was joined, the trial took place, and the jury decided that Purchase should pay two pounds twelve shillings and sixpence for

<sup>1</sup> *Williamson*, 1, p. 265.

<sup>2</sup> *Folsom*, p. 45. *Williamson*, 1, p. 290.



the articles claimed, and twelve shillings and sixpence as costs of court. Judgment was given and execution ordered by the whole court. Whatever became of the warming-pan is not known, but it will be noticed that there was one mentioned among the articles embraced in the inventory of 1685.

The fourth complaint was a declaration of Arthur Browne, merchant, accusing Purchase of falsely charging him with perjury and bribery. Purchase denied the whole thing, but the jury brought in a verdict against him and fined him five pounds sterling, and twelve shillings for costs.

The fifth complaint is not given, but it is stated that he was required, on the third day of August preceding, to enter into a recognizance with Reverend Robert Jordan, and that he appeared at court to answer to Captain Thomas Young, Messrs. Abraham Shurte, George Davis, Richard Tucker, and others. At this same court Purchase also served as a juryman in the case of Mary Purington of Agamenticus.

In 1645 he signed a letter addressed to Governor Winthrop, the deputy governor, and court of assistants of Massachusetts Bay, and was also the one chosen to present the same. This letter was in regard to trouble between the inhabitants of Rugby's Province of Lygonia, and Jocelyn and others, and was dated "Casco Bay, this 18th febr; 1645." William Ryall, Richard Tucker, and George Cleeve were the other signers.<sup>1</sup>

In 1653 he was sued by the colony government, "as appears by a record of the General Court of that year, and styled *Of Pejepscot*." What this suit was for we have not ascertained. At one time, date unknown, his children were required by the council to be brought forward for baptism, and on neglect of the same he was to be summoned before the General Court.

In 1654 he was chosen assistant to Prince, the commissioner at the first court ever held upon the Kennebec. There is no evidence, however, that he ever held an assistant's court.

In 1657 he was called to answer before the county court of Yorkshire, to an action brought against him by the Widow Elizabeth Way for the purpose of determining whether Pejepscot was under the jurisdiction of that court.

After the restoration of Charles II to the throne of England in 1660, probably in the year 1662, Purchase was commissioned as a magistrate under Gorges, or, at least, Mr. J. Archdale, agent of Gorges, offered him such a commission.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Maine Historical Collection* 1, pp 549, 550.

<sup>2</sup> *Williamson*, 1, p. 403.

In September, 1675, his house was attacked by the Indians, an account of which was given in Part I.

The foregoing enumeration of the various events in the life of Purchase embrace a nearly continuous connection from the time of his migration to his death. It embraces a period of forty-seven years. During this long time the only intervals of any length, in which we have no accounts of him, are between 1645 and 1654, and 1660 and 1675. It is possible that these gaps may even yet be shortened.

Whether Purchase was a man of much property can only be surmised. It would seem that his opportunities of acquiring wealth were unusually good. He possessed a good field for traffic with the Indians, and had the monopoly of the best salmon and sturgeon fishery in New England. Notwithstanding this, the frequent suits brought against him show not only "the litigious temper of the times," but also that he was deeply in debt, and that his creditors were uneasy.

Of his real character nothing is known more than may be gathered from what has already been stated. That he was a man of considerable enterprise is evident. That he failed to wholly conciliate the Indians is evident not only from the fact that his house was selected as the first one to be visited by them, but also that he was deemed unfair in his dealings with them, one of them remarking that he had paid a hundred pounds for water "from Purchase his well." This water was, however, presumably flavored with some alcoholic ingredient.

Notwithstanding these facts, the Indians could not have been entirely at enmity with him, or they would not have let him off with the mere robbery of his house when they had some of its inmates in their power.

Thomas Purchase must have been a man of considerable ability, or he would not have held the offices he did. Williamson says of him that "he was one of those flexible patriots who could accommodate his politics to the changes of the times."<sup>1</sup> This, it appears to us, is rather a harsh judgment. To which administration did he owe allegiance? The question may be easy to answer now, but was it so easy for him to answer it? It must be remembered that it was not until the present century that the claim of the Plymouth Colony on the Kennebec to his tract of land was finally settled adversely.

That he did hold office under different and opposing governments is not to be denied; yet Robert Jordan, Henry Joscelyn, and Edward

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<sup>1</sup> Vol. 1, p. 690.







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Rishworth did so likewise, though the author referred to does not speak of them in any such doubtful terms.<sup>1</sup> Considering the unquiet times in which he lived and the little that is known against him, it is fair to presume that he was a man whose character was fully equal to that of the great majority of his associates and neighbors.

#### PURINTON, HUMPHREY.

“Humphrey Purinton,” says the writer of an obituary notice, “was one of our most useful and substantial citizens. As a man of business his conduct was always marked by the most scrupulous uprightness and integrity. With himself a verbal promise was as binding as a written obligation, and to others his word was as good as his bond. Occupied chiefly with his own affairs, and seeking his greatest happiness where he was accustomed to find it, — at home, — he mingled but little in general society, and concerned himself but little with political and other exciting topics of the day.

“Yet he was by no means indifferent to the welfare of others. His loss will be very sensibly felt in the community, and severely felt in the immediate circle of his family connections, friends, and acquaintance. Correct in all his habits, unassuming in his deportment, benevolent and kind in his feelings, sincere and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, a constant attendant upon public worship, and a liberal supporter of religious institutions, his memory is one which they will all delight to cherish; and his example in all these respects is one which may well be presented for general imitation.” He died in Topsham, December 31, 1841, aged sixty-seven years.

#### PURINTON, FRANCIS T.

The subject of this sketch was a native of Topsham, and a son of Humphrey Purinton. Though interested in various business pursuits, he had a particular fondness for agriculture, and did all he could to promote it. He was chosen president of the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society in 1855, and the following notice of him appeared in the report of that society next succeeding the date of his death, which occurred May 21, 1857: —

“At the time he was chosen president of the society he was nearly forty-two years old, in the vigor and prime of his life. He had been well educated for the time, had in his youth attended the academy at Farmington, and afterwards the seminary at Gorham. He early com-

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<sup>1</sup> *Williamson*, 1, pp. 680, 682, 691.

menced an active business life, however, and acquired the larger part of his education in the discharge of its duties. He was first a trader; then with his brother, Woodbury B. Purinton, Esquire, succeeded his father in the lumber, ship-building, and general commercial business. He built the Topsham flour-mill, at the time one of the best in New England. In 1843 he purchased of Governor King the fine residence and estate of the late Doctor Porter, which became his home the remainder of his days. In 1853 he was president of the Lewiston and Topsham Railroad Company, which led to the building of the Androscoggin Road.

“After he was chosen president of the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society, he took a deep and lasting interest in agriculture, — in the cultivation and improvement of his own farm, as well as of all others within the limits of the society. He was a friend to the farmer everywhere, and to improved farming. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Agricultural Society. His name, influence, and assistance were sought in various directions, and seldom or never did he withhold them from a good cause when he thought he could perform any real service. He was called away from this world in the prime of life, when he was only forty-four years of age. He left a beloved wife and a large family of children. He was beloved and esteemed by all who knew him, for his indomitable energy, his inflexible integrity, and his large-hearted benevolence. He was one of the most public-spirited men of his town. He was a man of religious character, full of good works, free from bigotry, from envy, and self-love. He was a good citizen, and in the true sense an honest man. Frank and social in his intercourse with others, he was fond of society, strong in his attachments to his friends, a good neighbor, an affectionate husband and kind father, a true and sincere man.”

#### PURINTON, NATHANIEL.

Nathaniel Purinton was a son of Humphrey Purinton, of Georgetown, now Bath, and married Priscilla Woodbury, of Portland, about 1756, and about the same time moved to Harpswell Island. His occupation was farming and milling. He was a part owner in the saw-mills at Topsham. He is said to have built the first grist-mill and saw-mill in Harpswell, in the cove of his lot, which was the farm now owned by Stephen Purinton. He was a prominent man in town affairs, and was a selectman from 1766 to 1769 inclusive, in 1778, in 1780, and from 1783 to 1787, inclusive. He died suddenly at Topsham, February 9, 1788.



## PURINTON, STEPHEN.

Stephen Purinton, a son of Nathaniel Purinton, was born in Harpswell, May 7, 1764. He succeeded to his father's business of farming and milling, and also erected a tannery. He was also engaged in the West India business. It is said that when twenty-one years of age, he went with the first team that ever entered the town of Bethel, hauling logs to the river to see if they would reach Brunswick. February 26, 1789, he married Mary, daughter of John Merrill, Esquire, of Topsham. In 1816 he professed religion, and assisted in forming the first Free-Will Baptist Church in Harpswell. He was chosen deacon and church clerk, and held both offices until 1840. He was a representative in 1810, 1813, 1814, 1816, 1820, 1824. He was a man very generally esteemed in the community in which he lived. His wife died May 25, 1836. He died November 10, 1843.

## REED, JOHN.

John Reed was born in Ireland in 1747, and was married to Rachel, daughter of William Thorne, in March, 1769. He came to this country with his father, and settled in Topsham. He went into the Revolutionary war as an ensign, in a company commanded by Captain Blaisdell, of Portland. He went to Ticonderoga, where Hammond, the lieutenant, died, and was succeeded by him. He afterwards received a captain's commission, and served with reputation till obliged to retire in consequence of a wound received in an action a little preceding the capture of General Burgoyne's army (in 1777).

He so far recovered his health and activity that he was elected to and sustained the office of lieutenant-colonel till his death. He was lieutenant-colonel of the First Regiment, First Brigade, Fourth Division of the Massachusetts militia which mustered in Bath in 1788. He died October 20, 1797, and was buried with military honors. The Bath artillery with their guns, two companies of infantry, and a troop of horse attended the funeral.

## ROBBINS, AUGUSTUS C., ESQUIRE.

Mr. Robbins was born in Union, Maine, in 1815, and was a prominent business man of Brunswick. He was appointed cashier of the Brunswick Bank on November 1, 1841, and served in that capacity in the different banks in the town for eighteen years, with an interval of only thirty-four days between his resignation in the Union and his taking charge of the Maine Bank. During all this time he never lost

a day by sickness, and was absent only eighty days in the whole time.

Mr. Robbins was a prompt, faithful, systematic, and energetic bank officer, and was well liked by the community. He was a man of fine education (a graduate of Bowdoin in 1835), and possessed a remarkably clear and logical mind. He was for several years one of the Board of Overseers of the college, and was always interested in its welfare. Common-sense was his predominating mental characteristic. Mr. Robbins was deeply interested in all town affairs, and especially in the welfare of the public schools. His efforts for the establishment of the high school and the grading of the village schools entitle him to the remembrance of the community.

He had a fund of humor and ready wit, and was fond of children. He was a member of the Congregational Church for twenty-eight years, and was held in general esteem for his integrity, industry, and kindness of character. He died December 31, 1868.

#### ROGERS, HONORABLE GEORGE.

Mr. Rogers was born in Topsham, November 18, 1785. He was a son of Alexander, and the father of the late George A. Rogers. He was educated in the common schools of the town, but made good use of such advantages as he had. He was a man of quick perception and inquiring mind, and steadily advanced with the times in which he lived. He took a warm interest in the public matters of the town and State. He served on the Board of Selectmen of Topsham for fourteen years, between 1836 and 1857. In 1819 he was chosen to represent his town in the legislature, and in 1837 he was elected to the State Senate. In politics he was a Democrat, but he was oftentimes elected to office by the votes of those who affiliated with the opposite party. In his religious views he was a Baptist.

"Although a man of rigid principles and soundness of judgment, his kind and genial manners won for him the respect of all who knew him. In early life he was twice married, but each of his wives died at an early age. Of his family but one son survived him, the late George A. Rogers.

"At nearly fourscore years, after a long and serene evening to a life of usefulness, devoted to the happiness of others, he passed away quietly at the old homestead where he had always resided."

#### ROGERS, GEORGE A.

The subject of this sketch was a native of Topsham. His education was obtained in the common schools and at the Maine Wesleyan Sem-

inary at Readfield, Maine. At the age of twenty he made a sea-voyage to New Orleans, and thence to Europe. Receiving so much benefit from these voyages, he was tempted to become a sailor, and accordingly made one voyage "before the mast." His father discouraged his inclination towards a sea-faring life, and induced him to remain at home and turn his attention to agricultural pursuits.

As a practical farmer, enlightened, and looking into the most essential matters of the business of farming, he did much to promote its interests, both at home and abroad. He was long identified with the interests of the town, serving for many years as a member of the Board of Selectmen. Perhaps no more fitting tribute can be paid to his memory than that found in the recent "Historical Review" of the Sagadahoc County Agricultural Society, — he having been one of its earliest friends, serving in almost every capacity in which he could render valuable assistance.

"He represented the society as a member of the Board of Agriculture for a period of seven years, and was one of the most useful members of that Board. For three years he was president of the Sagadahoc Society, afterwards he was recording secretary. To the close of his life on earth he was one of the most valuable members of the society. The society as well as the community needs more such men, — men who work from sincere regard for the interests of others. Possessed of a high moral, as well as a much religious character, Mr. Rogers was a true friend, a sincere and honest man. He served faithfully the community in which he lived; its interests were his interests, its welfare ever had his watchful care. Well may the society long hold his name in remembrance and honor."

He died June 30, 1874.

#### ROSS, WILLIAM.

William Ross lived, prior to 1749, at Sheepscot. He afterwards moved to Brunswick, where he built a house, bullet-proof, near the old meeting-house. Prior to his coming to Brunswick, he, with his two sons, John and Robert, was taken captive by the Indians and carried to Canada. He and Robert were soon liberated and returned home. John was such a favorite with the Indians that he was retained. Mr. Ross was subsequently captured again and carried to Quebec. While there he became interested in a young man whom he met at a public place, the resort of those who desired to be exchanged. He volunteered to intercede for his release, inquired his name, and found him to be his son. They effected their release and returned home.



John was afterwards killed, or died, in war. Mr. Ross was a lame man. His disability was caused in the following manner. On one occasion, while he was engaged in cutting wood west of Mair Brook, he discovered a wounded bear making towards him. He at once commenced to retreat backwards, defending himself with his axe, but was so unfortunate as to fall back over a log and hurt himself. The bear, unable to get over, reached under the log and bit him in the knee. Mr. Anthony Woodside, who had fired and wounded the bear, finally came up and killed it.

#### RUTHERFORD, REVEREND ROBERT,

Was a native of Ireland, and a Presbyterian. He came over with Colonel Dunbar, the celebrated surveyor of the king's woods in 1729, and preached at Pemaquid for four or five years. When Dunbar went to Portsmouth in 1734, his house and farm were left in the care of Mr. Rutherford. In 1735 he was employed by the First Parish of Brunswick, and continued to preach there till 1742. After this he was engaged for a short time at Georgetown, and probably returned to Pemaquid. From thence, on the marriage of Dunbar's widow with Captain Henderson of St. Georges, he removed to that place. It does not appear that he had a distinct pastoral charge, or that any church was gathered there during his life. He was a man of respectable literary attainments, and bore the character of a pious Orthodox minister. He died in 1756, at the age of sixty-eight years, and was buried at the fort at Saint George's. His wife survived him twenty-three years, and was buried in the same place. They left a family of seven daughters, whose posterity are numerous in the vicinity.<sup>1</sup>

#### SKOLFIELD, THOMAS.

Thomas Skolfield was a son of Thomas Skolfield, of England, who was an officer in King William's army in 1690, when King James was driven from Ireland. The son, Thomas, received a liberal education at Dublin University, and shortly after graduating emigrated to America with the Orr family early in the last century.

Thomas remained in Boston with the Orr family and taught a Latin school until the Orrs removed to the District of Maine, about the year 1742, when he and Susan came with them.

Thomas married Mary Orr, and settled in Brunswick near where Peter Woodard now lives (1876). He and the Orrs bought about

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<sup>1</sup> *Annals of Warren and Greenleaf's Ecclesiastical Sketches.*





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three hundred and fifty acres of land, on which Thomas Skolfield settled. They paid for the land £85 old tenor. Mr. Skolfield was a very prominent man in town affairs. He was chosen, May 22, 1777, as an officer empowered to receive recognizances. In 1779 he was on the committee to affix the price of commodities sold in the town. He was on many committees to draw up resolutions, etc., during the Revolutionary war. He was town clerk from 1752 to 1761, and again in 1763 and 1765. He was on the Board of Selectmen, and a great part of the time was chairman, for twenty-three years, — from 1744 to 1749, 1752 to 1754, 1756 to 1762, 1765 to 1767, 1772 to 1775, and again in 1782.

His wife died August 1, 1771, aged fifty-seven years. He died January 6, 1796.

#### SKOLFIELD, GEORGE.

“ Master ” George Skolfield was born July, 1780, in Harpswell, in an old house standing upon the site of the one now occupied by Mr. George R. Skolfield, his eldest son.

He began to build vessels when about twenty-one years old, and during his lifetime built nearly if not quite sixty vessels, all first-class, of the best quality of material and workmanship. At the time of his death he was one of the wealthiest men in Brunswick, and his wealth was all earned through his own exertions and by his own business ability.

He was kind in his family and to his friends, and of a very hospitable nature.

“ It was the delight of Master George to have the house full, and he was never in better spirits than when his friends fairly overran his rooms. A man of strong impulses, of prejudices, if you will, he never meant to be unjust. He was decided, firm in his convictions, and sternly resolute in the discharge of what he deemed his duty. That duty was done with a singleness of purpose worthy of all imitation. We make no claim to perfection for the deceased ; but we record as the crowning glory of his long and active life, diversified by an intercourse with all classes and manner of men, his passing away, with never a man to question his scrupulous honesty in all his dealings with his fellow men.”

He died March 13, 1866.

#### SMYTH, WILLIAM, D. D.

Professor Smyth was born in Pittston, February 2, 1797, and in his childhood his parents removed to Wiscasset, which was his home until about the time of his entering college. At the age of eighteen he

was bereft of both father and mother, and was left with a young sister and brother, and nothing but kind friends and himself to depend upon. He was for a time clerk for a Wiscasset merchant, but his ambition at that time was to qualify himself to teach school, and all his spare time was spent in hard study. He taught school for a few years, at the same time fitting himself for Bowdoin College, the Junior class of which he entered in 1820. Such an example of student-life as was then exhibited is rare and worthy of record. He occupied, with a townsman and classmate, Boynton, a room in the building, afterwards burned down, which stood on the site of Mr. Henry C. Martin's residence, opposite the college halls.

As the result of his former hard study, while in college he was compelled to wear a green shade and to study by another's eyes. His room-mate read his lessons to him, he occasionally raising his blinder to glance for a moment at a mathematical formula or a diagram or a phrase. After getting settled in college life his independent, self-denying spirit led him to bring to his side his young brother, and sustain both as he might. This self-sacrificing college student often deprived himself of a dinner for the sake of that brother; lived day after day on bread and water; not unfrequently did not know one day where the next day's meals were to come from; and thus, studying with the eyes of another, often at his wits' end for support, with that care of the brother upon him part of the time, he soon took the lead of an able class and held it to the end, graduating with the English valedictory in 1822.

After graduating, Mr. Smyth taught a school for a short time in what used to be called President Allen's Academy, and then spent a year in the Andover Seminary.

In 1823 he received an appointment from his Alma Mater as proctor and instructor in Greek; then became tutor in mathematics and natural philosophy; and in 1828 he was made professor in full of mathematics and natural philosophy.

The first edition of his algebra, from the press of Mr. Griffin, of this town, appeared in 1830, received warm commendation from Doctor Bowditch, and was adopted as a text-book at Harvard and other institutions. It passed through several editions, and then gave place to two separate works, the elementary and the larger algebra. Then followed an enlarged edition of the trigonometry and its applications to surveying and navigation, and treatises on analytic geometry, and on the calculus, the last being so clearly and satisfactorily developed, and with so much originality, as to receive emphatic approval in high

quarters, particularly from the late Professor Bache, and constituting, as has been said, quite an era in the means of instruction in this profound branch.

When the project of graded schools for the large Central District of Brunswick was proposed, it engaged his earnest co-operation. He was chosen on the Board of Agents successively for seventeen years; most of the time was chairman, and exercised vigilant supervision of the schools. The amount of labor he performed in securing and perfecting the system, in building the large brick school-house for which he furnished the working plan, and in general superintendence, few can conceive; and all with no other remuneration than the consciousness of rendering an important public service. He was for many years one of the trustees of the First Parish fund, and for forty years or more an active member of the Congregational Church and Society in Brunswick and a teacher in the Sabbath school. When the present church edifice was erected he was the working member of the building committee, giving important counsel in its plan, even to the framing of the building, and constantly supervising the work. He also furnished the working plans for a spire which, for grace and beauty, was not surpassed.

The last public work of his life was the measures for erecting a Memorial Hall for the college.

One even most conversant with him, and who had most free access to his thoughts, purposes, and plans, can scarcely enumerate the extent of his correspondence on the subject; his journeyings to and fro from Bangor to New York for subscriptions, his long walks in Brunswick and its neighborhood to obtain contributions, to consult mechanics and contractors, or to engage hands for the work; his visits to other towns to examine public buildings or to inspect quarries of building stone; or his careful study of architectural designs, sketches, and plans in the college library; or his personal labor in meditating and drawing plans himself, that architects might readily conceive the idea and object of the proposed structure. For the last two years of his life his mind and thoughts were intent on what he often said was to be his last labor.

Every dollar of the thirty thousand on his subscription book he solicited, and he collected nearly twenty thousand of the amount in person.

Professor Smyth was among the first members of the temperance society formed in Brunswick when Reverend Doctor Justin Edwards promulgated and advocated with so much effect the doctrine of total abstinence from intoxicating drinks.



A debate in the Brunswick Lyceum made of him an anti-slavery man, or rather turned his thoughts to that subject, and inspired a sentiment and opinions which he maintained his life through. He never swerved, — no, not for an hour, — from his allegiance to the cause of human freedom and the rights of man.

Though exposed to reproach and annoyances, to hard speeches and harder looks, he was not a man to be deterred from his purpose or to quail in whatever he regarded a matter of right, truth, and duty.

His ability as a teacher was never called in question. In explanation he was precise, simple, and clear. He had great power of inspiring interest; his own enthusiasm, which often kindled, especially in certain branches of his department, at the black-board, being communicated to his class.

His mind was quick to kindle, and his powers to arouse themselves to seize on some engrossing subject, and while the occasion demanded, he was *totus in illis*. He was a whole-souled, large-hearted man. Personal interests occupied with him an inferior place. Any real object of philanthropy, of national or of town interest, anything that touched the life of the college, was sure to find one mind and heart ready to respond to its demands.

Of the qualities of his mind no one conversant with him could doubt that his Creator endowed him with a power of intense application, of wide compass and great clearness of thought, of strong grasp of principles, and of exhibiting truth, often massive truth, with great precision and force. He had a peculiar faculty of seizing on the salient points and the fundamental elements of any subject he approached.

One could not but give him the credit of childlike simplicity. He was simple in his tastes, in his manners, and in his desires. There was no pretence or affectation in his nature. No charge of insincerity or false-heartedness was ever laid upon him.

The facts of Professor Smyth's life reveal most clearly a singularly self-sacrificing spirit. What reward or remuneration, what personal advantage could he have expected from his labors for schools or for the church or for the Memorial Hall? What self-interest could have prompted him to furnish working plans for school-house or church spire, — or to rise from his bed and go down to the school-house in a drenching storm to see that the rain did not undermine the wall or flood the cellar, — or at midnight, in a driving southeaster, to go over to the church, then in building, to make more fast an ill-secured transept

window, — or to serve as a tender to the mason who was putting up a chimney in the tower?

His nature was profoundly sympathetic, and he was blessed with a genial, buoyant spirit. He never betrayed a moody or sullen temper. There was in him a vein of fine humor. He enjoyed it in others, and no one could turn a witticism or convey a compliment with more delicacy or grace. It remains to bear testimony to Professor Smyth as a Christian man. In this character he left the record of nearly fifty years in his daily life, in the free intercourse of friends, in the social meetings of the church, in college halls, in his relations to public philanthropic movements of his time, and in the pulpit of the sanctuary.

Early in life he took his stand as a Christian young man, and became connected with the Congregational Church in Gorham. He seized with the strong grasp of his intellect and heart on what are termed the doctrines of grace. In 1825 he received license from the Cumberland Association, and for several years preached with acceptance in Brunswick and neighboring towns. His discourses were marked by weighty thought, clear exhibition of truth, simplicity and vigor of style, and earnest and eloquent enforcement of the motives of the gospel and the issues of life and death. He died April 4, 1868.

The foregoing sketch of this truly remarkable man is condensed from Professor Packard's discourse commemorative of Professor Smyth.

#### STANWOOD, DAVID.

David Stanwood, son of Ebenezer, was in the expedition to Louisburg. While the army was there, some twenty or thirty men were desirous of taking boats and crossing to the opposite shore, where they expected to plunder some of the French settlers. They landed without molestation, went to one house not far distant, entered it, and brought the plunder to their boats. Not sufficiently satisfied with what they had obtained, they returned, without their guns, and while stripping the house still further they were surrounded and taken prisoners by the Indians, who had been on the watch for them. They were at once stripped, and severely tortured with spears. Mr. Stanwood attempted to escape, but a well-directed spear hit him on the shoulder, and so disabled him that he surrendered, and was again submitted to torture. He fled again and was pursued, fired at, and a ball hit him in the arm and broke it. He succeeded, however, in his escape, hid himself until search was over, and when all was quiet, went to the shore opposite the army, and hoisted a handkerchief as a signal. It was seen, and, though fearful of a decoy, some of the men were at

length allowed to go over for him, and he was rescued. Another account<sup>1</sup> states that after he escaped the second time he came to a river and was shot while swimming across. His arm was afterwards amputated.

#### STANWOOD, COLONEL WILLIAM.

William Stanwood was the son of David Stanwood, of Brunswick, and was born in 1752. In his early days he learned the trade of a blacksmith. He entered the Revolutionary army and was in the battles of Monmouth and White Plains. After the war he was made a colonel of the militia. After leaving the army he went to work at his trade, and afterwards engaged in the lumbering business and in ship-building in connection with Captain John Dunlap. He accumulated wealth, and owned three large farms, besides other real estate, but afterwards met with heavy losses in his shipping business. He built and lived in the house now owned by the heirs of the late A. C. Robbins, Esquire, on Maine Street. He was a prominent man in Brunswick, and was selectman for a number of years, and a representative in 1794 and 1795. He was also a member of the Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College. He had three wives; the first was Mary Orr, the second Hannah Thompson, and the third Ruth Thompson. He had eleven children. He died June, 1829.

#### STETSON, REVEREND SETH.

"Father" Stetson, as he was called, lived until he was seventeen years of age in his native town of Kingston, Massachusetts. He then spent one summer in Bristol, Maine, one in Boston, and two in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He spent his winters during this time at home. He gives the following account of his life in a letter to the *Gospel Banner* in 1864:—

"Seventy years ago [1794] I first came to Bristol with my master ship-joiner. When free I came again. I wounded my ankle-joint, which laid me up many months, and gave me time to read and pray. Reverend Mr. Riddle invited me to study for the ministry. I kept school in Alna, New Castle, and Bristol, and studied with Reverend Jonathan Ward, of New Milford. I was approbated to preach in the town of Winthrop, at Reverend Mr. Bolden's, by the Lincoln Association of Congregational ministers.

"I preached two years in Norridgewock and other towns. In 1804

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*



I had a call, and was ordained in South Plymouth, Massachusetts, ten miles from my native place. There I preached Hopkinsianism sixteen years. Then for four years I was a Worsterian. Then I became a Universalist, and preached in Charlestown and Salem three years, and in Boston a few months. Then in Brunswick, Bath, and Bowdoinham two years, and ever since all round the State, and in other States. The last year I have not tried to preach.

“I grow deaf, and forgetful of names. My health is good. My wife is eighty-four years old. We have had twelve children. The three youngest only are living in this world.”

Mr. Stetson was born in 1776, and died in 1867. He was at his death, therefore, ninety-one years of age, lacking five days. He was at that time the oldest Universalist minister in Maine. From a diary that he left, it appears that he came to Brunswick in a packet to Maquoit (Captain Simpson's) in 1828. He brought with him his wife and five children and household goods, paying for passage and freight, sixteen dollars to Maquoit, and four dollars from the latter place to his house.

Mr. Stetson was well known throughout this entire community, and was much beloved by his parishioners, and esteemed by all for the purity of his life and character.

#### STONE, COLONEL ALFRED J.

The subject of this sketch was a son of James Stone, and was a native of Topsham. He settled in Brunswick, and lived and died in the dwelling on Mill Street which stands nearly on the site of the old Stone mansion which was erected by Benjamin Stone, the ancestor of the family in Brunswick. It is worthy of mention that the property on and near the corner of Maine and Mill Streets, known as Stone's Corner, has been retained in the family for four generations. Colonel Stone was largely engaged in the lumbering business, owning a mill on the upper dam, and for many years did an extensive business. He was a colonel in the militia, and held various public offices, among them that of postmaster. He was a representative to the legislature in 1836. He was an influential and public-spirited citizen.

#### SYLVESTER, MARLBOROUGH.

Marlborough Sylvester, of Harpswell, was a son of William Sylvester, and was born in Hanover, Massachusetts, in 1753. He was a man prominent in the affairs of the town, and held town offices for many years. He was town clerk from 1794 to 1799, inclusive, and in 1813,

selectman from 1797 to 1808, inclusive, and in 1815, and representative in 1809.

#### THOMPSON, GENERAL ABNER B.

Mr. Thompson was born in Middleboro', Massachusetts, September 22, 1797, whence in his youth he moved to Boston, and from that city, in 1817, to Brunswick, where he spent the rest of his life, engaged for a long series of years in the active pursuits of mercantile life, manifesting an energy and a directness of application that constituted him a marked man among his fellow-men. General Thompson from his youth manifested a fondness for military life. As early as 1821 he received an officer's commission and held various positions in the militia, from lieutenant to that of major-general. In February, 1847, he was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the Ninth Regiment, United States Infantry.

From 1834 until 1841, General Thompson held the office of adjutant and quartermaster-general of the State, and was in command of the troops called into service on the eastern frontier. For three years he was State agent for the prosecution of the military claim of Maine against the Federal government for expenses incurred in protecting her northeastern frontier, and in prosecution of the business he passed a considerable portion of his time in Washington. He was in 1831 and 1832 State treasurer, and in 1856 a senator in the legislature.

As a politician, a Democrat of the old school, he was firm in the maintenance of the principles of the party in which he believed, swerving neither to the right nor the left, as party fancies might dictate, but always courteous and considerate to the views of an opponent. His wonderful clearness of intellect, his ready power of explanation, his thorough knowledge of business details, gave him command over the minds of others which few men untrained to the professional arena possess. He had a wealth of determination, or power of will, which led him straight on in the path which he had marked out for himself. As a citizen, he held large and liberal views of public affairs, and his aid was always sought and granted in the carrying out of projects to promote the growth and prosperity of the town.

He was a Freemason of high rank. He died August 4, 1871, and was buried with Masonic honors.

#### THOMPSON, CHARLES.

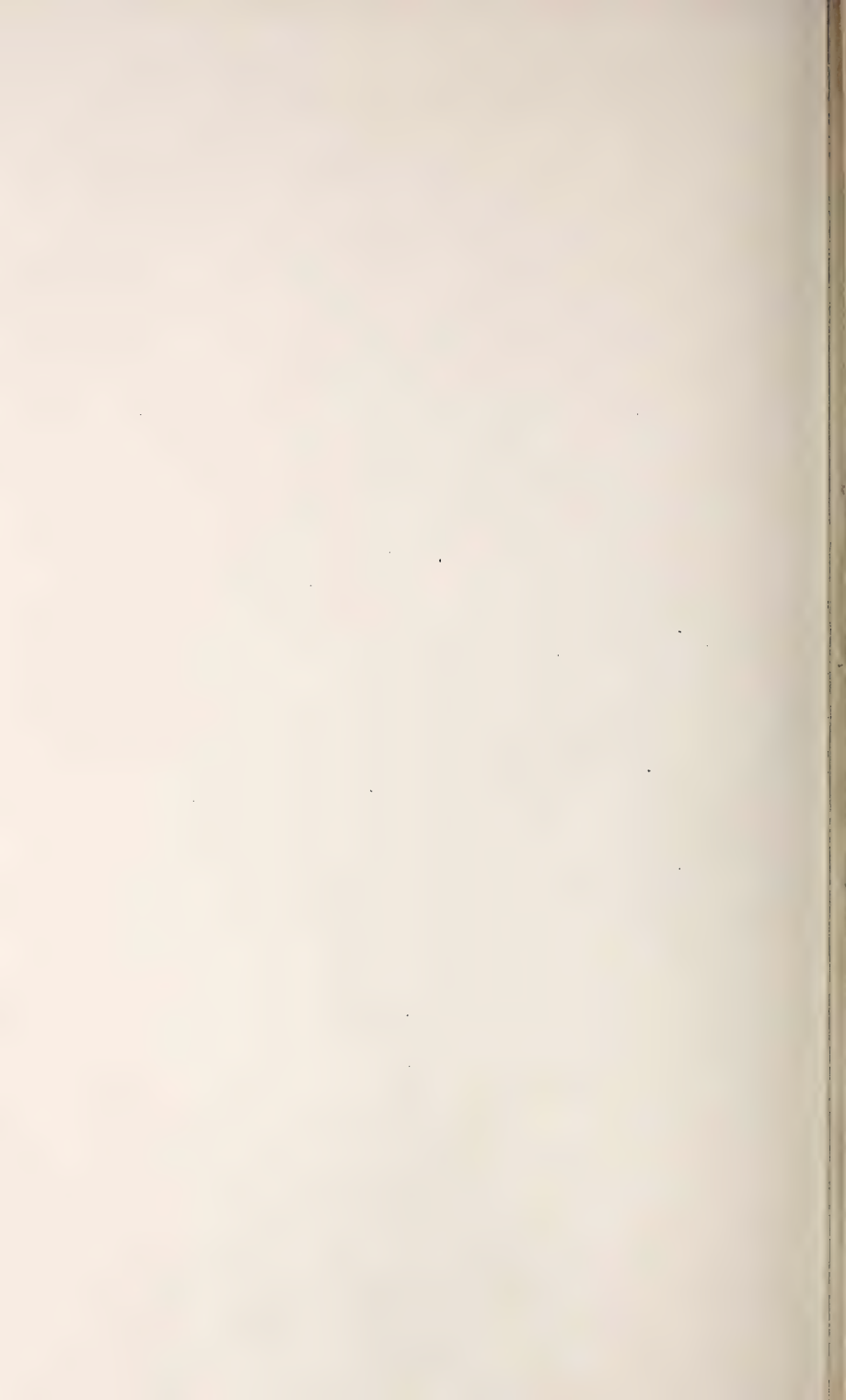
Mr. Thompson was a native of Topsham. When nine years of age he removed with his parents to the neighboring town of Lisbon.



I am Respectfully,

Charles Thompson.





At the age of twenty-one he returned to Topsham and engaged himself as a clerk in a store. Economical and industrious, he soon acquired a sufficient sum of money to enable him to make an investment in navigation, and, succeeding in his venture, he continued ever after to invest his funds in the same line of business, and generally with a corresponding degree of success. When the Androscoggin Bank was organized, in 1834, Mr. Thompson, being one of the principal stockholders, was elected president, and was continued in that position until the charter, by its own limitation, expired.

Mr. Thompson was an ardent patriot, and served in the war of 1812. From 1812 to 1820 he filled the office of adjutant of the Third Regiment, First Brigade, Eleventh Division of State Militia. He was considered so worthy of trust that, in 1814, the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, by an order issued at the August term, placed the entire control of the Court House in his hands, with authority to grant its use for other purposes whenever he might deem it advisable. In 1831 he was elected as a representative to the legislature, and could have held the position longer had he so desired.

Mr. Thompson was a man of strict integrity. He was a kind man in his family, and a lover of hospitality. He was also a good neighbor and a wise counsellor. He was faithful to his engagements; and masters of vessels, and others in his employ, if proving themselves worthy, were long retained. Though he never made any religious professions, he was a decided friend to the cause of religion and a liberal supporter of its institutions. He was warmly interested in educational matters, and was one of the chief supporters of the Topsham Academy. He also sent two of his sons to Bowdoin College.

He had a clear and comprehensive intellect, was well informed in all ordinary matters, possessed sagacity and perseverance, was shrewd and calculating, had a large business experience, and was thoroughly posted in commercial matters. He was, at the time of his death, undoubtedly the wealthiest man in Topsham. He died October 4, 1866.

“He was a man of quick perceptions and a clear insight in regard to men and things, and one who often uttered his convictions in strong and decided language. He adhered to them, also, with pertinacity, even though they were sometimes formed upon insufficient data.”

#### THOMPSON, BRIGADIER SAMUEL.

Samuel Thompson was born March 22, 1735. He resided in Brunswick until after the close of the Revolutionary war. He served on the Board of Selectmen of Brunswick in the years 1768, 1770, and

1771. He was a member of the Provincial Congress, and about the year 1774 he was appointed or chosen lieutenant-colonel of militia. He was afterwards colonel, and on February 8, 1776, he was chosen by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a brigadier-general of the Cumberland County troops. He was about this time at the head of the Committee of Safety for the district. He was elected, also, the same year, as representative to the General Court. About the year 1783, possibly in 1784, General Thompson moved to Topsham, where he afterwards resided. He was chosen as a representative from Topsham to the General Court for twelve terms,—each year from 1784 to 1788, from 1790 to 1794, and in 1797 and 1798. In 1797 he was also chosen senator to the General Court.

Brigadier Thompson died in 1797, and was buried in an old burying-ground at Ferry Point, in Topsham. His remains were afterwards removed and placed in the same grave with those of Humphrey Thompson, his son, in the village burying-ground.

Samuel Thompson was a man of some wealth, for the times. He was worth, according to the inventory of his property, some over \$35,000. A little less than half of this amount was in real estate, of which he owned the most in Topsham, though he possessed considerable in Bowdoin, some in Bath, and an inconsiderable amount in Brunswick.

In regard to his character, it is hardly possible to render Brigadier Thompson exact justice. Nothing has been learned as to his private and social life. It is known, however, that his wife was, at times, insane, and it is said that on one occasion she killed an adopted son, of some five or six years of age, with a pair of steelyards. One of his children was also an imbecile. Under such circumstances, it is hardly probable that his home life could have been a happy one.

In regard to his public life, it is not so difficult to form an opinion, though even here, owing to his outspoken and vehement manner, he made so many enemies that it is difficult to know the truth of some statements made in regard to him. One thing is sure, that he was one of the leading men of his day, running over with zeal and patriotism. The late Judge Freeman says of him, "He was a portly man, not of very tall stature, but somewhat corpulent, and apparently of a robust constitution, but not supposed to be possessed of much real courage. Nature had furnished him with strong mental powers and a capacity which, if it had been rightly directed and employed, might have rendered him a useful member of society, but



his mind needed cultivation." He was strictly a "self-made" man, and was particularly remarkable for his firmness of opinion — often amounting to obstinacy — and for his ready wit, which, when he was in the House of Representatives, often excited the mirth of his brother members.

In his religious views Samuel Thompson was a Universalist, or rather a Winchesterian. He believed in the Trinity, in a day of general judgment for all mankind, and in the punishment of the wicked in a literal hell-fire, but he also believed in the final salvation of all. Tradition says that the brigadier died in great agony of mind, expecting to suffer for his sins in fire and brimstone for 50,000 years. He also evidently believed in the doctrine of foreordination, as he was accustomed whenever anything went wrong to console himself with the reflection that "it is all right in the great plan." It is said that on one occasion, as he was going from Topsham to the General Court, he stopped at Nichols's in Brunswick for a pair of new boots. Not being so well suited with them as he desired, he complained to Nichols, who replied, "It is all right in the great plan." "N-n-nichols," said the brigadier, stuttering, "the great plan has nothing to do with these boots."

Samuel Thompson was a zealous Whig or Anti-Federalist. He was a delegate from Topsham to the convention that "convened at Boston, January 9, 1788, and continued until February 7, following, for the purpose of assenting to and ratifying the Constitution recommended by the Grand Federal Convention." On the question of ratification he voted nay. A letter to Madison, quoted in a letter to Washington, February 3, 1788, contains the following: "The leaders of this party [Anti-Federalists] are Mr. Widgery, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Nassow, from the province of Maine." As throwing some light upon the probable reasons for Mr. Thompson's negative vote, we quote the following extract from a letter of General Knox, bearing date New York, January 14 [1788?]: —

"The second party in the State are in the province of Maine. This party are chiefly looking towards the erection of a new State, and the majority of them will adopt or reject the new Constitution, as it may facilitate or retard their designs, without regarding the merits of the great question."

On this question of the adoption of the Constitution, Mr. Thompson made several speeches. His longest one was against the paragraph providing for a standing army. His remarks, especially those beginning, "O my country!" called out replies from the opposite side.

While discussing the fourth section in regard to elections, General Thompson said : —

“ Mr. President, I have frequently heard of the abilities and fame of the learned and reverend gentleman [Reverend Mr. West] last speaking, and now I am witness to them. But, sir, one thing surprises me : it is to hear the worthy gentleman insinuate that our federal rulers will undoubtedly be good men, and that therefore we have little to fear from their being intrusted with all power. This, sir, is quite contrary to the common language of the clergy, who are continually representing mankind as reprobate and deceitful, and that we really grow worse and worse day after day. I really believe we do, sir, and I make no doubt to prove it before I sit down, from the Old Testament.”

On the question of considering the Constitution as a whole instead of by paragraphs, he remarked that, in his opinion, “ the Constitution, and the reasons which induced gentlemen to frame it, ought to have been sent to the several towns, to be considered by them. My town considered it seven hours, and after this there was not one in favor of it. It is strange,” he continued, “ that a system which its planners say is so plain that he that runs may read it, should want so much explanation.”

While the question of slavery was discussed, General Thompson exclaimed, “ Mr. President, shall it be said, that after we have established our own independence and freedom, we make slaves of others? O Washington, what a name has he had ! How he has immortalized himself ! but he holds those in slavery who have as good right to be free as he has. He is still for self, and in my opinion his character has sunk fifty per cent.”

When the paragraph in regard to the writ of *habeas corpus* was read, General Thompson asked the president to please to proceed. “ We have,” said he, “ read the book often enough. It is a consistent piece of inconsistency.”

These extracts from his speeches show that though the brigadier was a bitter opposer of the Constitution, he possessed no mean power of debate, and could express himself tersely and vigorously.

As a public speaker, we cannot with fairness judge Mr. Thompson by his harangues to the populace. In these he was impetuous, noisy, and sometimes even furious. The late Doctor James McKeen described his speech on one occasion in the following words : —

“ The brigadier was of too fiery a temperament to be either appeased or softened, but went on continually hurling his gall-bladder invectives against all who failed to come up to his measure of vehement

demonstrations." It is to be presumed that his manner in the House of Representatives was calmer and his speech more considerate.

General Thompson, though perhaps not haughty or overbearing in his manner, had a good deal of pride in his position as a public man and an officer. It is related that once, when a member of the General Court, he was crossing a toll-bridge leading into Boston, when the tollman demanded toll. Toll not being required from members of the legislature at that time, the brigadier replied, with great dignity, "I belong to the House, sir." "Belong to the House! I should think you belonged to the *barn*," was the reply of the tollman, evidently induced by his rustic appearance.

As regards his military qualifications, Williamson describes the brigadier as bold and courageous, but as not possessing sufficient coolness, consistency, foresight, or intelligence to qualify him for a leader. In regard to his bravery there seem to be conflicting opinions. His exploit in regard to the capture of Mowatt has already been mentioned, and some other facts connected with his military career would seem to show that he was not deficient in courage. The following anecdote, however, if true, would seem to indicate both cowardice and stinginess.

It is related that on one occasion Captain John Ross, of Sebasco-digan, the master of a coasting vessel, was in Boston and ready to sail for home with only two hands (Robert Gorden and William Coombs) with him. Just before the time for sailing the brigadier came on board and bespoke a passage. He brought with him a pillow-case full of gingerbread and some molasses for his rations. They set sail and started on their homeward voyage. The bay was full of cruisers. When abreast of the Isle of Shoals they discovered a small vessel, apparently a fisherman, inside. She soon, however, hoisted her canvas in pursuit. Captain Ross ordered the two swivels to be fixed on the windlass bits, loaded with powder and ball. Coombs was stationed at one, and Gorden at the other. The hostile vessel approached rapidly, passed by the bows of the coaster, saw the swivels and the two men swinging their lighted ropes to keep them alive, and passed on her way and left them. All this time the brigadier, "expecting death would be his portion, stood in the companion-way, out of sight, trembling with fear and suffering the horrors of despair." When the privateer had passed by, the brigadier made his appearance in good spirits, and exulted that he had saved his gingerbread.

Notwithstanding the anecdotes tending to throw ridicule upon him, and the animadversions of his enemies, it is evident that General



Thompson must have been in some respects a remarkable man, or he could not for so long a period have possessed the confidence of a majority of his fellow-citizens and have filled the responsible stations which he did. At all events, the strength of his patriotism ought to overshadow many minor defects of character.

#### TITCOMB, REVEREND BENJAMIN.

Benjamin Titcomb, fourth son of Deacon Benjamin and Anne Titcomb, was born in Portland, July 26, 1761. He was educated at Dummer Academy, Newbury, Massachusetts, and afterward at Newburyport; served an apprenticeship in the art of printing, establishing himself in the printing business at Portland. On the first day of January, 1785, he "struck off" with his own hands the first sheet ever printed in Maine.

About 1798 he left printing, and with no other preparation than that which the grace of God gives, began to preach to the small Baptist society then recently gathered in Portland, the first meetings of which were at Mr. Titcomb's house. In 1804 he removed to Brunswick, and became pastor of the Baptist Church which had been gathered here by Elders Case and Williams. The meetings of this society for several years were held at Maquoit, in the meeting-house which was built by the society in the latter part of the last century.

In 1829 the meeting-house on Federal Street, which is now occupied by the Catholics, was built; and in this Elder Titcomb finished his public labors, retiring from the pulpit at the age of eighty-three, after a forty years' ministry in Brunswick.

In 1820, Elder Titcomb was elected a delegate to the convention that formed the Constitution of Maine; and at the request of General King, opened the convention with prayer. Not fond of political preferment, he afterward declined office, which was several times offered him. He was one of the original trustees of Waterville College, now Colby University, and took great interest in that institution. He was a man of decision, "strong in faith," a ready speaker, preaching without notes. He retained his mental faculties in a good degree to the last, dying at his residence on Federal Street, September 30, 1848.<sup>1</sup>

#### UPHAM, THOMAS C., D. D.

Professor Upham was born in Deerfield, N. H., January 20, 1799. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1818. He then went through

<sup>1</sup> From *Griffin's Press of Maine*, p. 34.

three years of theological study at Andover, in which he gained such distinction by his indefatigable study, his scholarship and attainments, that, after completing the course, he was selected by Professor Stuart to assist him in the Greek and Hebrew instruction of the seminary.

He subsequently became pastor over the church of his Rochester home, where he labored a year with characteristic zeal and energy, and to the great contentment of his people, until 1824, when he was chosen to the professorship of Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics in Bowdoin College.

In 1852, Professor Upham spent a year in European and Eastern travel, visiting England and Scotland, France, Switzerland, Germany, and Italy, Egypt and the Holy Land, his companion of travel being Reverend Mr. Thompson, then of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York. One result of his tour was a volume, in which we have the impressions made on an observing, contemplative, highly cultured, and poetic mind of the people and scenes he visited. This volume, of which a third edition has been printed, ranks high among the most thoughtful and instructive works of that class. He was a voluminous writer. A collection of his works would make at least twenty volumes. Among the better known of his writings are his treatises on mental philosophy and on the will. He also published a volume of minor poems, under the title, "American Cottage Life," which went through six editions.

The variety and extent of the literary labors of Doctor Upham afford proof of the varied character of his erudition. He was indeed a devourer of books. He explored all the libraries of the college and visited those of other institutions. He read all works in his own department and biographies and books of travel, from which to draw manifold illustrations. "He was deeply read in European history. Probably the State could not have produced a man more conversant with the politics of Europe. Occasionally during the first two or three years of his professorship, he occupied the pulpit of the Brunswick church to the great gratification of his hearers. He supplied the pulpit in Harpswell for a season or two, and his active interest, and personal effort in encouraging that people and the people of Topsham in maintaining the ordinances of God's house are held in grateful remembrance. In person he solicited contributions among the people of Harpswell toward their new church, and with success surprising to themselves.

"All questions of public moment, whether regarding religion or

morals and manners, found him a vigilant observer and active participant in all good measures.

"Professor Upham's whole life was that of a true philanthropist. The famous line of Terence, *Homo sum, humani nihil a me alienum puto*, was illustrated in him as fully as in any human being. There was a fountain of kindness and good-will within him, ever full and overflowing. His domestic affections were deep and abiding. Nothing could show more strikingly the love that was in him, seeking for objects on which to fasten, than the fact that, not being blessed with children of his own, he adopted children and loved and did for them as if they were his own.

"The oppressed and down-trodden found in him a sympathizing, active friend. He was an early and liberal patron of colonization, constituting himself a life member of the society by a contribution of \$1,000. His name stands on the first roll of signers to the temperance pledge in Brunswick, drawn up immediately after the visit of the eminent Doctor Edwards. He watched with eager eye every movement for the ends of civil and religious liberty in Europe or on this continent. He labored earnestly in the cause of peace, and yet when the cloud of civil war hung over our land, his heart was stirred within him for the salvation and integrity of his bleeding country. To crown all, he was instant in season and out of season, in college, in the street, and from house to house, in the cause of his Master. No one was more sensitive to anything which promised good or threatened evil to the interests of moral or of vital godliness.

"There was not the shade of self-exaltation in anything he said or did. He was far as one could be from the appearance of being puffed up by his attainments or his wide reputation. His manner and bearing were not even what might have been excused in one who could not but be aware that he could sustain elegant and learned discourse with any of the philosophers or statesmen or men of letters of the world. On the contrary, he could take the level of the most humble and illiterate, with no appearance of condescension, readily adapting himself to their apprehension, their prejudices, or their humors, thus in the best sense becoming all things to all men if he might thereby win them to the right and the true."

He died in 1872.

#### VEAZIE, GENERAL SAMUEL.

General Veazie was born in Portland, Maine, April 22, 1787, and came to Topsham when about twenty-one years of age, without capi-



tal, and established himself in a small business. He afterwards engaged in the lumber business on the Androscoggin, and in ship-building. He built a dozen or more vessels, equipped them, freighted them with his own lumber, and carried on a direct trade with the West Indies.

In the war of 1812 he took an active part. In 1812 he was chosen ensign, and in 1819 captain of a Topsham company in the militia. He was afterwards promoted rapidly, until he filled the office of general. He is said to have been, though a strict disciplinarian, an efficient and beloved commander.

“ Identified with all the social, religious, and political interests of Topsham, General Veazie became one of its leading citizens. His liberality towards the church where he worshipped, the trees which he planted, and the good taste and improvements displayed, will not be forgotten in coming generations.

“ In 1826 the inducements of a larger field for operations, on the Penobscot, called his attention there, when he made valuable purchases in Oldtown, which became so important that he closed his business at Topsham, and moved to Bangor, in 1832.

“ The loss of such a citizen to Topsham was soon apparent in his operations at Oldtown and Bangor.

“ His comprehensive mind made him master of the situation, and while he continued to build ships and give employment to his old mechanical friends who followed him, his manifold lumbering interests, at Oldtown and Stillwater, proved the wisdom of his investments. Superadded to these he became noted as a banker, founding the Bank of Bangor, which was merged into the Veazie Bank, both institutions ever having the confidence of the public, based upon his capital and management.

“ The Bangor, Oldtown, and Milford Railroad becoming unprofitable to its proprietors, was sold to him, when, as if by magic, it recuperated, and became one of the leading arteries of Bangor. In 1855, having lost his wife, he moved to the then village of North Bangor, where he afterwards married. The citizens of that village petitioned the legislature to be incorporated as a town under the name of Veazie, which was granted, and here, some three miles from Bangor, he ever after resided.

“ General Veazie was a Jeffersonian Democrat, a man of great executive ability and financial capacity, had an iron will, accompanied by a resolute energy and inflexible integrity. He was a good husband, devoted parent, and an excellent neighbor. His word, like

the bills that bore his name, was never 'below par,' and he was always the young man's friend. Wielding a large influence, and although often solicited, he would never accept office, nor ever held one, as the writer believes, except that of councillor to the governor of the State. His life was one of incessant activity and usefulness to the day of his death, March 12, 1868, when, in the full possession of his faculties, surrounded by his family, he bequeathed to them a good name, and probably the largest fortune in the State."

#### WALKER, MAJOR NATHANIEL.

Nathaniel Walker was born in Arundel, now Kennebunk, September 25, 1781, and while a boy came with his father to Topsham, in which town he passed the greater part of his life.

He was a warm-hearted patriot, and served in the war of 1812. He was captain of the Topsham artillery company in 1814, when it was called out and ordered to Bath for the defence of that town, and was subsequently promoted to the office of major. He filled various public positions. He was town clerk for a series of years and post-master for some length of time. Major Walker was also a justice of the peace and an efficient member of the Citizens' Fire Company, in which he always kept up an interest. His chief occupation was that of surveyor of lumber, and he was also interested in the lumber business. He was an energetic and able business man. He had a strong constitution and was very healthy, never having been sick up to the time of his death. He built, in 1809, the Walker homestead, where he lived until his death, which took place August 17, 1851.

#### WHEELER, REVEREND AMOS DEAN, D. D.

The subject of this sketch was born in Woodstock, Vermont, December 13, 1803, and was the son of Amos Wheeler, Jr., and Lydia [Randall] Wheeler. His father dying when he was three years old, he was adopted by James Udall, Esquire, of Hartland, Vermont, with whom he lived until seventeen years of age, receiving instruction in the common schools and at Thetford Academy. In 1820 he went to Leicester, Massachusetts, where his relatives resided, and attended Leicester Academy for a while, subsequently teaching school until he entered Williams College, from which he graduated in 1827. He then taught the academy at Marlboro' for two years, at the expiration of which time he was elected principal of the Latin Grammar School in Salem. He remained in that position for three years, studying theology, meantime, with the Reverend Charles Upham, D. D., who was then pastor



Truly Yours,

A. D. Wheeler





of the First Church in Salem. Resigning his school in 1832, he spent a year at Harvard Divinity School, graduating therefrom in 1833. From Cambridge he went to Meadville, Pennsylvania, to supply the pulpit of the Unitarian Society, and remained there seven or eight months. While at Meadville he received a call to settle over that parish, but declined on account of the distance from his relatives and friends. In 1834 he was invited to and was settled over the Unitarian Society in Standish, Maine. He continued in that place until 1839, when he received a call to settle in Topsham, where he ever after lived. For fourteen years he preached in the Unitarian Meeting-House in Topsham. At the end of that time the Unitarian Society of Topsham and the Universalist Society of Brunswick were united under the name of "The Mason Street Religious Society," of Brunswick, and Mr. Wheeler was invited to become pastor of the new organization. He preached to this society until 1865, when he resigned and was soon after appointed missionary for the American Unitarian Association to the State of Maine, and at about the same time he was elected secretary of the Maine Conference of Unitarian churches. He died June 28, 1876.

The following obituary notices by life-long friends undoubtedly give a correct estimate of his character and abilities.

"Soon after Doctor Wheeler made Topsham his home he became known to the college. Three of his sons were graduated from it. He was for years uniformly on its committee of examination. I doubt whether the late Professor Smyth thought he could have an examination in the higher mathematics without him. But he was at home in any department of the course. The doors of the college were always wide open to him, and she bestowed on him her highest honors.<sup>1</sup>

"Interested in education, he was for years on the superintending school committee of his town, and I think there was not a child in the town who was not glad to see him enter the school-room on his official visits. He was interested in young men; fitted several for the college, received undergraduates as pupils, and they respected and loved him as a father.

"He was for many years on the standing committee of the Maine Historical Society, and much esteemed and respected for counsel and encouragement."

"Doctor Wheeler was a man of unquestioned ability, of cultivated and literary tastes, an easy, graceful writer, ready in extempore

<sup>1</sup> The degree of D. D. was bestowed upon him in 1860.

address, of singular purity of life and conversation, possessing a heart as tender and true as that of a child. Scorning all equivocations, pursuing the right with unflinching purpose, leading the life of the humble and devoted Christian, he won the love of the people of his own denomination, and the esteem of all others who knew and appreciated his worth."

" Doctor Wheeler was a man of strong convictions, of decided opinions, of a gentle, genial spirit, generous impulses and sympathies for every good object, of high-toned character. He was not a man to kindle unkind emotions in any breast. I do not believe he left an hostile or unfriendly feeling in any one, and we cannot help exclaiming with the Psalmist, ' Help, Lord, for the faithful fail from among the children of men ! ' "

Says a writer in the *Christian Register*, " He was a man of larger natural endowment and more varied attainments than was generally known. Few of his contemporaries excelled him in mathematical scholarship. He kept well up with the college curriculum in all its departments. For many years he was a regular contributor of able articles to a journal of mathematical science. He had a poetic taste and faculty beyond the average of cultivated men. Few surpassed him in critical and thorough knowledge of the Bible, and in ready ability to maintain his position by exact verbal quotations therefrom. Of clear mental vision and acute argumentative powers, he was strong as he was also fair and good-natured in general debate.

" Calm habitually, even to sedateness, self-governed and judicious, the man of all around you to whom you would intrust any matter requiring sober and unbiassed deliberation, he could yet make merry with the gayest within the bounds of right and reason, was as tender in his feelings as a child, and his religious emotions were easily excited."

His children will be pardoned if, from a filial regard to his memory, they have allowed a disproportionate space to this sketch.

#### WILSON, CAPTAIN THOMAS.

Thomas Wilson came from Ireland when he was about fifteen years of age, arrived in Boston, afterwards came to Topsham, and when the Indian war commenced returned to Boston again. On the return of peace he moved back to Topsham, and remained during the last French and Indian war, and until his decease. He was buried in the graveyard near the old meeting-house. He was the only one of his family who came to this country. He was a Scotch-Irish Presbyterian.



He was a noted hunter, and was one of the early explorers of what is now the town of Farmington. His house, a block-house, stood a little west of where Mr. James Wilson's house now stands. His third son, Thomas, was in the English navy in the Revolution, and died in consequence of wounds received in action. He may have been impressed into the British service, but the belief has always prevailed in the family that he entered it voluntarily.

WOODSIDE, REVEREND JAMES.

Reverend James Woodside was a clergyman of the Church of England. According to a statement in the Pejepscot Papers, he, with his son William, arrived in this country prior to the year 1714. He remained at Falmouth with his family, and his son came to this town and took charge of the block-house at Maquoit in 1714. If the foregoing statement is correct, he must have returned to Ireland again, as he certainly left the latter country in 1718, as is shown by the following copy<sup>1</sup> of a petition of James Woodside to the king, 25th June, 1723.:—

“TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNSEL:—

“THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL & PETITION OF JAMES WOODSIDE,  
LATE MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL AT BRUNSWICK IN NEW  
ENGLAND

“SHEWETH,

“That he with 40 Familys, consisting of above 160 persons did in the year 1718 embarque on a ship at Derry Lough, in Ireland, in order to Erect a Colony at Casco Bay, in your Maj'tys Province of Main in New England.

“That being arrived they made a settlement at a place called by the Indians Pejipskot, but by them Brunswick, within 4 miles from Fort George, where (after he had laid out a considerable sum upon a Garrison House, fortified with Palisadoes & two large Bastions, had also made great improvements & laid out considerably for the benefit of that Infant Colony) the Inhabitants were surprized by the Indians who in the month of July 1722 came down in great numbers to murder your Majesty's good subjects there.

“That upon this surprise the Inhabitants naked & destitute of provisions run for shelter into your Pet'r's House (which is still defended by his sons) where they were kindly received, provided for & protected from the Rebel Indians.

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<sup>1</sup> Obtained by Reverend Doctor Woods from the Rolls Office in London.

“That the sd. Indians being happily prevented from murdering your Majesty’s good subjects (in revenge to your Pet’r) presently kill’d all his Cattel, destroying all the moveables & provisions they could come at, & as your Pet’r had a very considerable stock of Cattel he & his family were great sufferers thereby, as may appear by a Certificate of the Governour of that Province, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed. Your Pet’r therefore most humbly begs that, in regard to his great undertaking, his great losses & sufferings, the service done to the publick in saving the lives of many of Your Maj’tys subjects, the unshaken loyalty & undaunted courage of his sons, who still defend the sd. Garrison, Your Majesty in Council will be pleased to provide for him, his Wife & Daughter, here, or grant him the post of Mr. Cummins, a searcher of ships in the Harbour of Boston, N. England, lately deceas’d, so that his family reduc’d to very low circumstances may be resettled & his losses repair’d where they were sustain’d.

“& Your Pet’r shall ever pray &c.

“I do hereby certifie that the Rev’d Mr. Woodside went over from Ireland to New England with a considerable number of people, that he & they sate down to plant in a place called Brunswick in the Eastern Parts of New England, where he built a Garrison House, which was the means of saving the lives of many of his people in the late Insurrection of the Indians in July last. That his generosity is taken notice of by both Doctors Mathers & that the Indians cutt off all his Cattle, whereby he & his family are great sufferers.

“Copia vera.

“SAMUEL SHUTE.

“LONDON, June 25, 1723.”

In 1719 the proprietors united with the inhabitants, and in a joint letter invited him to preach six months on probation. The proprietors also provided that the house of Mr. Baxter should be made habitable for Mr. Woodside. This house was on lot number six, on the south-east corner of Maine and Green Streets. During his period of probation Mr. Woodside did not give perfect satisfaction, although he had some strong friends. At the expiration of the six months, however, the town voted “to continue him the same length of time again, provided those who were dissatisfied with his conversation can, by treating him as becomes Christians, receive such satisfaction from him as that they will hear him preach.” The majority of the settlers were opposed to him, however, and he only preached three months longer,

not being, it is said, puritanical enough. He returned to England soon after leaving this town, and it is thought that his son James followed him. Soon after his return he sent his portrait over to his son William. It bears date "1726, by Gibson." Mr. Woodside corresponded with his son William for some years afterwards, though the latest date is now unknown, as is also (to the writer) the date of his death.

#### WOODSIDE, CAPTAIN WILLIAM.

Captain Woodside obtained command of the Block House at Maquoit in 1714, according to one account, but not until 1726 according to another statement.<sup>1</sup> He was commissioned as lieutenant, but afterwards was made a captain. He bought a lot on what is called Wharton's Point, from its original owner, Thomas Wharton. He afterwards purchased the first of the regular lots laid out by the proprietors, towards the falls.

He was a large, well-built, though somewhat corpulent, stout, active, and energetic man. The Indians, it is said, stood in fear of him. He was a trader with the Indians, and, it is alleged, usually got the best of a bargain with them.

Esquire Woodside, as he was usually called, was with the expedition to Louisburg in 1750. He received a commission as chaplain from Lord Loudoun. There are many anecdotes concerning him, which are current to this day. He had a number of encounters with the Indians, but always managed to escape, and sometimes inflicted a severe punishment upon those who attempted to molest him. He wore, as was the fashion at that time, a large three-cornered hat.

"Early one Sunday morning he went, against the remonstrance of a number in the garrison, to a turnip-yard which he had a short distance north from his house, on the road. The people in the garrison were suspicious that there were Indians about, because the dogs had been barking all night. When he got to the turnip-yard he put his hand on the fence and jumped over, and there were a number of Indians concealed under the fence upon the lookout for him. He got back over the fence as quick as he could. The Indians pursued him, but he outran them, and when they found they could not catch him they fired at him, but his life was preserved while he received two or three balls through his hat.

"Another time, when the Indians appeared friendly, he went into the wood to cut timber. Darkness overtook him before his return. When

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<sup>1</sup> "Gleanings," in *Brunswick Telegraph*, by McKeen.



he arrived near home he came upon some Indians by surprise. They professed to be very glad to see him, and tried to detain him so earnestly that he was suspicious that there was some mischief going on. He went to the garrison and found all well. He then went to his barn and there found an Indian setting fire to his hay-mow. He caught him, gave him many severe blows on the side of the head with his fist, and left him, as he supposed, dead. In the morning he went out, and found that by some means he had been taken away.”<sup>1</sup>

Captain Woodside died in 1764. His will was written by Master George Harwood, and his son-in-law, Deacon Samuel Stanwood, was the executor.

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<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

## CHAPTER II.

## FAMILY HISTORIES.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE.

In the following pages will be found a brief account of the origin and settlement here of some of the older families of these towns.

Nothing further than this has been attempted. To bring the genealogy of so many families down to the present generation would involve a vast amount of labor, and would, of itself, make a volume. For the same reason it has been found necessary to limit the number of families mentioned by including those only who settled somewhere in these towns prior to the year 1800, and whose descendants are still living in this immediate vicinity. The list of families mentioned does not, however, include all who came here previous to 1800, as there are some such families concerning which sufficient information could not be obtained without the devotion of more time and labor to the work than the authors could afford. In some cases the omission is due to the fact that members of the family, to whom application for information was made, have failed to make any response to the request.

The following abbreviations are used : —

abt. — about.	dau. — daughter.
b. — born.	m. — married.
d. — died.	s. — single.
ch. — child or children.	(Biog.) — see Biographical sketch.
bap. — baptized.	wf. — wife.

## ANDERSON.

According to traditionary accounts, JACOB ANDERSON came from Dunganon, the home of the O'Neils, in Ulster County, of Tyrone, Ireland. He emigrated to this country somewhere about the year 1710. He settled for a short time near Old Orchard, but soon moved to that portion of Freeport known as Flying Point. He built a block-house there and became a farmer, and somewhat noted Indian fighter during the French war. The Cumberland Registry of Deeds shows the sale to him of portions of the Dummer claim

in (then) North Yarmouth, and the adjacent islands<sup>1</sup> off Flying Point by Jere Powell, Epes Sargent, Timothy Prout, and Abraham Pettengill, at various dates from March, 1759, to March, 1764.

JACOB ANDERSON, son of the above Jacob, was b. in Freeport. He left there to join Washington's army at Cambridge the next morning after the news of the battle of Lexington reached Maine. After the close of the war of the Revolution, he removed to Brunswick, and cleared a farm lying between the Woodside and Ross farms, on the main road from Brunswick to Freeport. His son, Martin Anderson, was born on the farm above mentioned in 1789. Subsequently to 1812 he removed to Freeport, and from there to Bath. He died at the house of his son, Reverend M. B. Anderson, D. D., Rochester, N. Y., Dec., 7, 1875.

#### BABBIDGE OR BARBIDGE.

JAMES BARBIDGE, or BABBIDGE, a husbandman residing at North Yarmouth, was born about 1697, at Uffculme, Devonshire, England, and was a son of James and Prudence Babbidge, whose other children were a dau., Tampuson, who m. John Brumfield, and sons Peter, Courtney, and William. (From "Deposition of James Barbidge, of North Yarmouth, Maine, 1730.") (N. E. H. & G. Reg. Vol. 13.)

The Harpswell town records contain the record of the death of a James Babbidge, August 11, 1764, aged 78. He was therefore born 1686. It is not improbable that he is the James alluded to as having been born in 1697, and that a mistake has been made in one or the other statement.

A COURTNEY BABBIDGE m. 1st, Sarah, dau. of James Bibber, abt. 1754. They had ch. *Sarah*, b. No. Yarmouth, 1756; *William*, b. Harpswell, 1758; *Stephen*, b. 1760; *Courtney*, b. 1761; *Betty*, b. 1763; *Susanna*, b. 1766.

He m. 2d, Abigail, dau. of Wm. Booker; ch., *William*, b. 1769.

#### BAILEY.

DEACON TIMOTHY BAILEY, of Hanover, Mass., was a descendant in the 3d generation of JOHN, of Scituate. He m. 1st, Sarah Buck, May 27, 1731, who d. Oct. 9, 1740. He m. 2d, Hannah Curtis, June 9, 1742, and with his wife was recommended to the church in North Yarmouth. He settled on Bailey's Island, then a part of North Yarmouth. Ch. — *Olive*, b. May, 1735, d. May 26, 1736; *Timothy*, b. June, 1737, d. young; *Sarah*, b. March 13, 1739; ch. by second wife were: — *Delight*, b. June 12, 1745; *Olive*, bap. May 15, 1748; *Timothy*, bap. Oct. 13, 1757.

#### BARSTOW.<sup>2</sup>

"BARSTOW, — Naburn Hall, York, Ermine on a ferre sable, three crescents, or, crest, a horse's head, coupé or."

This family came from the West Riding of Yorkshire, England. Four brothers of this name came early to this country and settled at Cambridge, Watertown, and Dedham. Their names were George, Michael, John, and

<sup>1</sup> These islands are the Middle Brother, Upper Brother, and Sow and Pigs.

<sup>2</sup> See *History of Hanover*, pp. 208 to 227.



William. Of the male descendants but one (James) is known to have settled in this vicinity. Mary, dau. of Joshua, b. in Hanover, Mass., in 1743, m. a Curtis, and settled at Harpswell Neck.

JAMES BARSTOW, son of Joshua, was b. in Hanover, Mass., Oct. 8, 1744, and m. *Agnes*, daughter of Wm. Wyer, of Boston, and settled in Harpswell, and was the ancestor of all of that name in this vicinity, and d. Feb. 17, 1827.

Ch. were:—*Elizabeth*, b. 1777; *Joshua*, b. 1781; *William*, b. 1784; *Robert*, b. 1785; *Agnes*, b. 1788.

#### BERRY.

JOSEPH BERRY was b. at New Meadows, Brunswick, Sept. 26, 1740. His parents had previously resided at "Berry's Mills" in Bath, then called Georgetown. Nothing has been obtained as regards his ancestors. He m. 1st, Feb. 1767, Jane, the second dau. of Capt. Adam Hunter, of Topsham; 2d, Jennett, a dau. of Deacon James Henry, the cooper of Topsham. Ch. were by first wife,—*Adam*, b. Jan. 25, 1769, unmarried. Was lost at sea, date unknown; *Joseph*, b. about 1772, unmarried, d. in 1810. By 2d wife:—*Jenny* ———, m. Crispus Graves, date of birth and death unknown; *John*, b. ———, m. a Simpson, d. in Demerara, March 18, 1803; *Hannah*, d. in infancy; *Robert*, b. April 28, 1786, single; was drowned at Cathance, May 17, 1835; *Rufus*, b. May 25, 1789,—nothing else known; *Joseph*, b. March 22, 1792; single, drowned near Seguin, Sept. 27, 1817, as he was coming from Portland in a small boat; *Harvey*, b. Sept. 19, 1798,—nothing else known.

Joseph Berry, either prior to or after his marriage, settled in Topsham. During the last Indian war he is said to have been captured by the Indians and carried to Canada. It appears from an entry in the office of the Registry of Deeds that Dec. 28, 1768, he received of James Hunter one hundred acres of the N. W. parts of lots Nos 30 and 31 in Topsham. He was one of the Committee of Correspondence and Safety in 1785.

#### BISBEE.<sup>1</sup>

The common ancestor of all of this family in New England was Thomas Besbidge, as the name was formerly called and spelled. He came from England in the spring of 1634. He is known to have had three children, viz.: *Elisha*; *Alice*, who m. John Bourne; *Mary*, who m. William Brown of Sudbury.

OLIVER BISBEE, of the sixth generation from Thomas, was b. in Duxbury, Mass., June 10, 1762. He was a ship-carpenter. He m. 1st, Huldah Simmons, of Duxbury, and, prior to 1790, he moved to Brunswick and settled at New Meadows. His ch. was, by 1st wf.:—*Huldah*, b. Oct. 4, 1791, m. Edward McIntire.

He m. for 2d wife. Persis Simmons, a sister of his 1st wf., Sept. 22, 1792. Ch. were:—*Rufus*, b. Jan. 12, 1792; *Studley*, b. July 10, 1795; *Hannah*, b. April 18, 1797, single; *William*, b. July 4, 1799, m. Hannah Prior; *Aaron*, b. Oct. 10, 1802, m. Nancy Conley; *Seth*, b. Sept. 27, 1804, m. Maria Larrabee; *Sarah*, b. Aug. 3, 1806, m. James Tebbetts.

CHARLES BISBEE, Jr., of the sixth generation from Thomas, was b. in 1757, and m. Desire Dingley, of Marshfield. He was a jeweller and watch repairer,

<sup>1</sup> For full genealogy see *Bisbee Family Records*.

and worked some time at his trade in Brunswick. He subsequently moved with his family to Indiana, where he d. June 11, 1833.

#### BOOKER.

This family is of English origin, the name being quite common in England.

JOHN BOOKER came from England about 1707 and settled at York. It is probable that he was accompanied by a brother who settled further east. He m. Hester, dau. of Thomas Adams of York, by whom he had eight ch., in York, between the years 1713 and 1728.

JAMES BOOKER, the sixth ch. of John of York, was b. Dec. 18, 1723. He m., in York, Mercy Young, dau. of Benaiah Young, Nov. 11, 1747, and settled on Harpswell Neck, near the old meeting-house, soon after his marriage. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church and was a selectman in 1762. He ran a freighting vessel from Harpswell to Boston and the intermediate ports, carrying largely wood and bringing east general merchandise. He was the progenitor of the Bookers now residing in Brunswick and vicinity. Ch. were: — *James*, b. Dec. 25, 1748 O. S.; *Jotham*, b. July 3, 1750 O. S.; *Ruth* and *Joseph*, b. May 27, 1753, N. S.; *Miriam*, b. June 23, 1755; *Daniel*, b. Nov. 14, 1756; *Mercy*, b. May 6, 1758; *Daniel*, b. Feb. 25, 1760; *Isaiah*, b. Jan. 5, 1762; *William*, b. Oct. 9, 1763; *Ester*, b. Nov. 21, 1765.

#### CHASE.

The first of this name to whom reference has been found was JUDAH CHASE, who settled in Brunswick about 1752. He was the ancestor of the Brunswick family of that name. His wife's name was Margaret. He d. in 1804. Ch. were: — *Anne*, b. Mch. 3, 1753; *James*, b. Mch. 23, 1755; *Mary*, b. Aug. 5, 1757; *Isaac*, b. Aug. 27, 1759; *William Vincent*, b. Nov. 2, 1761; *Anthony*, b. Oct. 2, 1763; *Judah*, b. Nov. 16, 1765; *Margaret*, b. Nov. 7, 1767; *Nathaniel*, b. Jan. 17, 1770; *Jean*, b. Apr. 18, 1772.

#### CLARK.

SAMUEL CLARK and his wife Martha were both born in Ireland, but may have been m. in Boston. He settled at Middle Bay, Brunswick, about 1739. He was a deacon in the First Parish Church in Brunswick.

Ch. were: — *John*, b. Dec. 11, 1730; *Mary*, b. Nov. 1, 1732; *Robert*, b. April 18, 1735; *Samuel*, b. May 22, 1737; *Nathan*, b. July 2, 1739; *Margaret*, b. Aug. 1, 1741; *James*, b. May 19, 1745; *David*, b. Mch. 29, 1748; *Nathan*, b. Feb. 5, 1751; *John*, b. Oct. 27, 1754.

#### COOMBS.

The name of the father of the first of the family who came to this vicinity has not been ascertained; but he was a Frenchman, who settled first in Plymouth County, and subsequently lived in Newburyport. He is known to have had children, — *Peter*, *Anthony*, and *John*.

PETER COOMBS came to Brunswick about 1730, and settled first on Howard's Point, a short distance below the Bartlett Adams place. He afterwards moved to the Freeman Gross Place (near Harding's Station), where he remained to his death. Ch.: — *George*, *Peter*, *Samuel*, and *Caleb*.

Concerning ANTHONY COOMBS nothing is known, except that he settled on the James Larrabee Place.

JOHN COOMBS settled on Great Island, Harpswell, and was the grandfather of Elisha, Anthony, John, and Isaac.

CURTIS.<sup>1</sup>

ARMS: Arg. a chev. sa. betw. three bulls' heads, cabossed, gu.

CREST: A unicorn pass or betw. four trees ppr.

The Curtis family are descended from an ancient English family settled in the counties of Kent and Sussex. William Curtis, the ancestor of nearly all of that name in New England, came over in the *Lion* in 1632.

DAVID CURTIS, of the third generation from William, m. Bethia Sprague, of Duxbury, Dec. 14, 1732. Moved to Harpswell about 1744. He was the ancestor of all the name in this vicinity. Ch. were (b. in Hanover, Mass.): — *Nehe-miah*, b. 1733; *Ezekiel*, b. 1735; *Paul*, b. 1737; *Michael*, b. 1739; *David*, b. 1741; *Ruth*, b. 1743.

## CUSHING.

The ancestor of all of this name in this vicinity was MATTHEW, who, with his wife Nazareth, his sons Daniel, Jeremiah, Matthew, and John, his daughter Deborah, and his wife's sister, Francis Ricroft, widow, sailed from Gravesend, April 26, 1638, in the ship *Diligent*, and arrived in Boston, Aug. 10.

CALEB CUSHING (see Biog.), s. of Timothy, was b. in Cohasset, Mass., April 2, 1777; came to Brunswick in Sept., 1797. He m. in 1801, Mary Dunning, dau. of John Dunning. She d. Nov. 13, 1808. He m. again, Dec. 5, 1814, Dolly Owen, dau. of Philip Owen. She d. in Augusta, April 29, 1865, aged 78 yrs. He d. April 14, 1838. Ch. were: — *Rufus King*, b. July 23, 1802; *Louis Tileston*, b. June 24, 1804; *Francis Dunning*, b. Jan. 20, 1807; *John Schwartkin*, b. Sept. 12, 1808.

It is said to be a curious fact that through the whole genealogic line of the Cushing family a strict adherence to Scripture Christian names has been observed, and that the first middle name occurring since 1638 was that of the oldest son of Caleb.

## DOUGLAS.

"In the year of our Lord 770, in the reign of Solvathious, king of Scotts, one Donald Bane of the Western Isles, having invaded the Scotch territories and routed the royal army, a man of rank and figure came seasonably with his friends and followers to the king's assistance; he renewed the battle, and obtained a complete victory over the invader. The king, being desirous to see the man who had done him so signal a piece of service, he was pointed out to him, by his color or complexion in these words of the old Gallie or Celtic language, — SHOLTO DU GLAS, in English "Behold that black or swarthy colored man," from which he was named Sholto the Douglas. The king royally rewarded his great services, and gave him a grant of several lands and large possessions in the County of Lanark, which were called Douglas; and from hence came the surname of the family." (From "Scottish Peerage.")

The first of the name in New England is said to have been JOHN DOUGLAS, who was b. in Scotland about 1695. At the age of 12 he was kidnapped by the

<sup>1</sup> See *History of Hanover, Mass.*



crew of a man-of-war, and brought to Boston. He m. and settled in Middleborough, Mass. Children were: — *Elijah, John, and George.*

ELIJAH DOUGLAS, s. of the above-named John, was b. in Middleborough in 1720. He married (1st) April 27, 1742, Phebe Taylor, she died about 1749. He m. (2d) Elizabeth, dau. of Edward and Patience Estes, of Harpswell. Soon after the death of his first wife, in 1750, Elijah, with two sons, moved to Maine, and bought with Benj. Winslow one half of New Damariscove Island, in Casco Bay, then a part of North Yarmouth, but now belonging to the town of Harpswell. The deed bears date Jan. 30, 1750-1. He subsequently bought a farm of Mary Hais, on Merriconeag, and built a log-house near what is known as Hais Brook. The farm is now owned by Henry Merryman. He engaged in shipping wood from Birch Island to Boston. He is said to have been the first of the name to join the society of Friends, having united with them at Falmouth, June 29, 1754.

In 1775 he removed to Royalsborough, now Durham. He d. in 1814, aged 94. Ch. by first wife were: — *Daniel*, b. 1747; and *Cornelius*, b. Middleborough, Mass., Sept. 12, 1749. Ch. by second wife were: — *Joseph*, b. in Harpswell, April 8, 1753, — an eminent minister of the Friends, — d. in Durham, Dec. 22, 1821; *Job*, b. Oct. 9, 1754; *Israel*, b. July 17, 1756; *Sarah*, b. June 13, 1759, m. Benj. Doughty, of Brunswick; *Patience*, b. Mch 24, 1761; *Mary*, b. July 10, 1763, m. David Booker, of Harpswell; *Elijah*, b. June 23, 1768; *John*, b. Nov. 8, 1774.

#### DUNLAP.

REV. ROBERT DUNLAP (see Biog.), the ancestor of all the Brunswick Dunlaps, was b. in Ireland, in the county of Antrim, Aug. 1715, came to America, 1736, and to Brunswick, 1747. He m. Jane Allison, who was b. 1711, and d. in Brunswick, Mch 31, 1797. His mother's maiden name was Nelson. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent. Ch. were: — *John*, b. in Dracut, June 19, 1737; *Elizabeth*, b. in Nobleboro', in 1742, m. Deacon Andrew Dunning; *Samuel*, b. in Boothbay, in 1745, d. in Brunswick, July 28, 1836; *Robert*, b. in Newcastle, in 1747, was shipwrecked and lost on Hampton Reach, Dec. 25, 1776; *Jane*, b. in Brunswick, in 1749; *Hugh*, b. in 1751.

ROBERT DUNLAP, the ancestor of the Topsham Dunlaps, came from Ireland about 1730, when his son *John*, his only son, was nine years of age. Other ch. were: — *Jane*, m. Daniel Eaton, Brunswick; *Margaret*, m. James Potter, the eldest.

#### DUNNING.

ANDREW DUNNING, the ancestor of all the Dunnings in this vicinity, and, it is believed, of all the family in the State of Maine, came from Ashburton, county of Devonshire, England, in 1717. He landed at Georgetown, Maine, where he remained a short time, and came to Brunswick the same year and settled at Maquoit on the lot recently occupied by master Samuel Dunning and now owned by Patrick McManus. He brought with him his wife, whose maiden name was Susan Bond, and five sons, who were all b. before he emigrated to this country. Ch. were: — *William*, settled in York, Me.; *David*, b. 1705, settled in Brunswick Village; *Andrew*, b. abt. 1702 and *Robert*, who were killed by Indians while crossing Androscoggin River; *James*, b. 1691, lived in the homestead at Maquoit.

The Harpswell Dunnings descended from William of York, whose sons Andrew and Benjamin moved to Harpswell a short time previous to the incorporation of the town.

Some members of the Dunning family claim that Andrew left a son in England named JOHN, who had a son JOHN, who became a celebrated lawyer and was made LORD ASHBURTON. Others say that there is no evidence that Andrew left a son in England. There is some probability, however, that Lord Ashburton belonged to the same English family, and it is not at all unlikely that he was a grandson of a brother of ANDREW. He left a large estate, supposed to be valued at \$50,000,000, which, it is said, still awaits an heir male.

## EATON.

This family is of English origin, but the connection with the first settlers of the name, in this country, has not been traced.

REVEREND ELISHA EATON (Biog.) was b. in 1702. He m. Mrs. Catharine [Belcher] Clough, moved to Harpswell, and was settled as pastor of the church in that place in 1754. He d. in Harpswell, April 22, 1764. Ch. were: — *Elisha*, b. Sept. 12, 1732, d. in Boston; *Samuel* (Biog.) b. in Randolph, Apr. 3, 1737; *Mary*, b. Dec. 1, 1738; *Elizabeth*, b. May 9, 1740; *Hannah*, b. May 30, 1742; *Thaddeus*, b. Apr. 1, 1744, d. in infancy. The daughters lived and died in Harpswell. The Harpswell family of Eatons is a distinct family, or at least a distinct branch from the Brunswick family.

SAMUEL EATON, the ancestor of the Brunswick family of this name, came to Brunswick from Salisbury, Mass., early in the last century, and built a house on what is now the southern corner of Bank and Maine Streets, where the billiard saloon stands. He had two ch. and perhaps more. One of his ch., *Samuel*, was a soldier in Fort George in 1722. He was the one sent to Georgetown with a letter to Capts. Harmon and Moody. The letter was tied in his hair. When it was not safe by land he took to the water and swam. The other son, *Moses*, was taken prisoner in June, 1722, cruelly mutilated, and carried to Pleasant Point, where the Indians killed him.

## ELLIS.

This family is of English origin, but we are unable to trace its connection with the first settler of the name in this country.

CALEB ELLIS, of Cambridge, Mass., was the father of John, who was b. in Cambridge in 1727.

REV. JOHN ELLIS, son of Caleb, was graduated at Harv. Coll. in 1750. He was ordained at Norwich (Franklin), Conn., Sept. 5, 1755. He was a chaplain in the Revolutionary army all through the war. He was installed at Rehoboth, Mass., Mch. 30, 1785. He was dismissed in 1796, and returned to Norwich, where he d. Oct. 19, 1805.

REV. JONATHAN ELLIS, son of Rev. John, was b. in Franklin, Conn., April 11, 1762, settled in Topsham in 1784. He m. in 1790 Mary, dau. of Robert Fulton, of Topsham. She d. in Upper Stillwater, Maine, Mch. 11, 1860, aged 91 years less one week. The date and place of his death are both unknown. Ch. were: — *Samuel Deane*, b. Aug. 17, 1791, sailed from Bath in 1810,

entered British navy and was never heard from; *Mary*, b. April 9, 1793, m. Charles White in 1839, d. Oct. 26, 1856; *Bethiah*, b. Feb. 24, 1795, m. in 1821 to Chas. White, d. Dec. 20, 1836; *John*, b. Feb. 10, 1797, sailed from Boston, Oct. 2, 1815, and was never heard from; *Daniel*, b. Feb. 9, 1799, m. in 1826 to Susan D. Hilton, d. Sept. 8, 1841; *William*, b. April 14, 1801, m. in 1825 to Miranda Potter; *Asher*, b. June 4, 1803, m. in 1836 to Clarissa Shepherd, lives in Brunswick; *Almira*, b. Oct. 30, 1805, m. in 1826, to James Pray, d. in 1855; *Benjamin*, b. Sept. 21, 1807, lost at sea, Sept. 2, 1830; *Robert Fulton*, b. Oct. 16, 1809, m. in 1839 to Mary Child, d. July 24, 1854.

## FARR.

The earliest member of this family to whom we have found any reference was THOMAS FARR, who was in Harpswell before the Revolution. Whether his ancestors resided there before him or not, we have no knowledge. He m. a dau. of John Bray and had ch.: — *Michael*, b. 1760; *John*, b. 1762; *Thomas*, b. 1764; *Elizabeth*, b. 1766; *Isaac*, b. 1770; *Jenny*, b. 1772; *Noah*, b. 1774; *Henry*, b. 1776; *Loraney*, b. 1780; *Mary*, b. 1784.

## FARRIN or FERRIN.

The father of the first settler of this name in Brunswick was born in Ireland. He came to this country from Dublin, and settled in Ipswich, Mass.

JOHN FARRIN, son of the above, and ancestor of all of the name in this vicinity, was b. in Ipswich. He m. Hannah Newman, of Lynn, Mass. Soon after his marriage he went to Mystic, where he taught school for about six years. About 1755 he moved to Brunswick, where he taught school for many years.

Ch. were: — *William*, b. Aug. 24, 1758; *Richard*, b. Oct. 9, 1760; *Winthrop*, b. Feb. 27, 1763; *Ebenezer*, b. Nov. 23, 1764; *David*, b. Feb. 8, 1767.

## FULTON.

Gowen Fulton, with his wife and one child, came into this country with Actor Patten and family, about the year 1730. He lived in Coleraine, the market town of Derry County, Ireland, and was a journeyman weaver of linen. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Caswell, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, where she lived until she was twelve years of age, then went over to Ireland and lived with Actor Patten till she married.

They first landed in Boston, and after living in several places they moved to Topsham about the year 1750, and settled in the eastern part of the town. He was the ancestor of all of the name, in this vicinity, at least. He lived to be 96 years of age, and died about 1791. His wife died fourteen or fifteen years previous. Both were buried on their farm.

He had ch.: — *John*, b. in Ireland, m. Hannah Maxwell, of Scarboro', lived and d. in Topsham; *James*, b. in Scarboro', June 2, 1732, m. in 1764 Mary Ferguson, of Easton, Mass. (she b. Mch. 9, 1738). He d. Feb. 4, 1820. He was the first representative from Topsham to the General Court; *Robert*, b. Mch. 27, 1745, m. in 1764 Sarah Patten. He d. Jan. 13, 1777.



## GATCHELL OR GETCHELL.

This family is said to be of Welsh origin.

CAPT. JOHN GETCHELL (see Biog.) came to Brunswick from Spurwink about the year 1736. He m. 1st, Elizabeth —, and had ch. : — *Abigail*, b. in Brunswick, May 10, 1737; *William*, b. Sept. 6, 1740. He m. 2d, Mary —, and had ch. : — *Doreas*, b. Feb. 25, 1743; *Samuel*, b. Aug. 15, 1745; *John*, b. Dec. 3, 1748; *Mary*, b. March 23, 1750; *Hugh*, b. Dec. 26, 1752; *Robert*, b. Sept. 21, 1754; *Jude*, b. Aug. 18, 1756; *Susanna*, b. June 21, 1757; *Nathaniel*, b. May 14, 1759. He is said to have been the ancestor of all of the name now residing in this vicinity.

MOSES GETCHELL was a settler on Harpswell Neck in 1731. What relation he was, if any, to Capt. John Getchell is not known, and no record of his children has been found.

## GIVEEN OR GIVEN.

DAVID GIVEEN, the ancestor of all of the name in this vicinity, with his wife and three sons came from Coleraine, county of Londonderry, Ireland. He came to Brunswick about 1719. He first settled at Mair Point. In 1730 he applied to the Pejepscot proprietors for land on the Maquoit road for his son David and his sons-in-law Samuel Clapp and James Campbell. In his petition to the proprietors, he signed his name Giveen, and some of his descendants still spell it so, while others spell the word with but one e.

In 1735 he purchased three hundred acres of land at Middle Bay, for forty-eight dollars, and soon after moved there.<sup>1</sup> He was held in considerable esteem, and was a deacon of the old Presbyterian Church. The name of his wife is not known, nor the date of his or her death. Ch. were : — *David*, who moved to Sheepscot; *John* and *Robert*, twins; *Martha*, m. Samuel Clarke; *Jane*, m. Hugh White, who was afterwards drowned in Middle Bay. She afterwards m. Dr. William Spear; a *dau.* who m. James Campbell; a *dau.*<sup>2</sup> who m. Samuel Clapp.

## GOWER.

ROBERT GOWER came to Topsham from Kent, England, about the year 1766. He m. 1st, Margaret, a sister of Robert Alexander. He m. 2d, Mary Henry, a sister of James Wilson's wife, Ann. His intention of marriage to Mary, dau. of James Henry, "y<sup>e</sup> Cooper," was recorded Nov. 17, 1770. He removed to Farmington, Me., of which town he was one of the first settlers, and where he d. Ch. by first wife were : — *Edward*, b. Feb. 12, 1761; *William*, b. Nov. 20, 1762. By second wife : — *James*, b. Feb. 2, 1772; *John*, who afterwards lived in Industry, Me.; *Samuel*, who lived in Waterville, Me.; *George*, who lived in New Sharon, Me.

## GRAVES OR GREAVES.

Four brothers of this name came to Topsham at different dates, but about the year 1762. They came from Falmouth. In the latter part of the seventeenth century JOHN GRAVES removed from Kittery to Falmouth, and m.

<sup>1</sup> *Pejepscot Papers.*

<sup>2</sup> *McKeen, MS. Lecture.*

Martha, dau. of Michael Mitton. The Topsham families are probably descended from him, though the connection has not been traced.

JOHNSON GRAVES was b. Feb., 1732. He m. 1st, in Falmouth, Sarah, a sister of Stephen and Samuel Staples. He m. 2d, June 23, 1803, Mrs. Susanna [Hobbs] Staples, formerly of Falmouth. He d. Jan. 18, 1824. Ch. by 1st wf. were: — *Daniel*, who d. in Falmouth in infancy; *Elizabeth*, b. April 19, 1759 or 1760; *John*, b. in Falmouth July 4, 1762; *William*, b. in Topsham, Aug. 4, 1765; *Crispus*, b. Oct. 20, 1767.

JOHN GRAVES, a brother of Johnson, m. in 1769, Sarah Boynton, of Falmouth. They were published April 10, and the certificate of marriage was recorded Aug. 29. Children were: — *Daniel*, b. June 16, 1770; *Sarah*, b. Oct. 12, 1771; *Johnston*, b. Feb. 21, 1774; *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 18, 1778; *John*, b. September 26, 1780, m. Margaret Gray; *Esther*, b. Mch. 24, 1788; *Levi*, b. Nov. 10, 1790.

SAMUEL GRAVES, a brother of John and Johnston, had his intention of marriage to Mary Gooding, of Topsham, recorded Nov. 29, 1770. He was one of the selectmen in 1773. He d. Aug. 23, 1792. Children were: — *Ebenezer*, b. Aug. 21, 1775, d. Aug. 14, 1832; *Jacob*; *Thomas*; *Jabez*, supposed to have m. in New Brunswick; *Susan*, who m. Joseph Jack, of Bowdoinham; *Molly*, who m. Ephraim Marriner; *Ann*, who m. Isaac Jaquis, of Bowdoin.

Of JOSEPH GRAVES, a brother of Johnston, John, and Samuel, nothing is known except that he was one of the selectmen in 1770, and was a grantee, with Samuel, of half of 1,000 acres to be laid out near and convenient to the two branches of the western stream of Cathance River. The deed was recorded Mch. 16, 1758.

#### GRAFFAM.

JACOB GRAFFAM, who was among the early settlers of Brunswick, is the first of the name of whom we find any record. His wife's name was Mary. Ch. were: — *Mary*, b. Dec. 2, 1735; *Joseph*, b. Feb. 14, 1738; *Rebecca*, b. July 8, 1741.

#### HALEY.

PELATIAH HALEY (see Biog.) was b. in Kittery, Oct. 8, 1740. He m. Elizabeth Lewis, who was b. April 9, 1743, and d. Feb. 19, 1836. They came to Topsham in May, 1761. He d. in Topsham, Oct. 29, 1819. Ch. were: — *Pelatah*; *Susannah*, m. Lemuel Thompson, Sept. 27, 1792; *Elizabeth*, m. Andrew Whitehouse, April 3, 1795; *Mary*, m. David Alexander, Nov. 30, 1800; *John*, m. Nancy Higgins, Sept. 1827, and d., without issue, Oct. 23, 1832.

JOSEPH HALEY, probably a brother of Pelatah, was b. in Kittery in 1738. He m. Mary, sister of Samuel Goodwin, of Wells. He lived on the fifty-acre lot which was conveyed to John Merrill by the proprietors, Aug. 5, 1768. It was near the first or "old yellow" Baptist Meeting-House, which was built in great part by him. He was one of the signers of a remonstrance by the "fathers" of the town protesting against unequal taxes for the support of the minister and for other town charges, which bears date May 4, 1768. He d. in Topsham, May, 1801. Ch. were: — *Susannah*; *Joseph*, moved to Lewiston; *Mary*, m. a Goodwin, of Wells; *Joshua*, moved to Lisbon; *John*, b. in 1777; *Samuel*, moved to Lewiston; *Moses*, a joiner, moved to Bath.

JOSEPH HALEY was b. ———. He m. Esther Towns, of Kennebunk. This Joseph is a different person from the preceding one. He was a clothier, and was often called "Fuller" Haley, on account of his occupation and to distinguish him from his namesake. He is recorded as a grantee, for £14, of a two-acre lot on the road from John Dunlap's, on Aug. 18, 1790.<sup>1</sup> He d. Sept. 29, 1832. Ch. were:—*John*, b. May 4, 1777, m. a Milliken, of Scarboro'; *Olive*, b. Jan. 22, 1779, m. May 19, 1796, to Obed Burnham; *Jesse*, b. Sept. 8, 1780, never married; *Susannah*, b. Oct. 8, 1783, m. David Foster; *Sarah*, b. July 22, 1784, m. Actor Wilson; *Joseph*, b. Dec. 6, 1785, m. a Towns, of Kennebunk; *Esther*, b. May 6, 1787, m. Timothy Foster; *Rebecca*, b. Dec. 1, 1788, d. single; *James*, b. Oct. 26, 1790, m. Lois Durell, of Woodstock; *Abigail*, b. Aug. 2, 1793, d. single; *Abner*, b. Mch. 30, 1795; *Ruth*, b. Nov. 4, 1796, d. single.

## HALL.

JOHN HALL was b. in England in 1617. Came to America about 1633. His son JOHN was owner in 1652 of a lot of land in Dover, N. H., and afterwards bought numerous other lots in the same town. He was quite prominent in town affairs for a number of years.

HATEVIL HALL, son of *John*, of Dover, lived in Dover; had but one ch., Hatevil.

HATEVIL HALL, son of *Hatevil*, m. Sarah Furbish, of Kittery, April 1, 1733. Settled in Dover. Removed to Falmouth (now Portland) in 1753. He was a large land-owner in that place, and in Windham. He was a Quaker. He d. Nov. 28, 1797, aged 90 years, and leaving four hundred and seventy-five descendants. He lived to see some of his posterity of the fifth generation. His wife d. Mch. 2, 1790. He had ten sons and three dau., all married. Of these children PAUL was the eighth son. He was b. in Falmouth, Dec. 15, 1755. He m. Jan. 27, 1782, Sarah Neal. Moved to Brunswick previous to 1798. He d. April, 1841. His descendants are numerous, and many of them are living in this vicinity at the present time (Biog.).

## HAM.

TOBIAS HAM, the ancestor of all of the name in this vicinity, was a son of John Ham, of Newington, N. H., whose father was born in the Isle of Man, and emigrated from England to Portsmouth, N. H., with the first settlers. Tobias came to Brunswick in 1740, and settled at New Meadows, and erected his house on what has since been known as Ham's Hill. He was a tanner and shoemaker as well as farmer. His tan-pits were in the low land, east of his house. It is related of him that as he was going to his tan-pits one morning before sunrise he discovered, by his dog's peculiar growl, that Indians were in ambush among the cedars near the pits. He therefore walked backwards to the house with his gun pointed toward the cedars. The Indians dared not fire, for it would have been certain death to them had they missed him, as "Old Long Gun," as they called him, was a dead shot they well knew. He m. Abigail Smith, whose father lived on Lines' Island, in the Kennebec.

<sup>1</sup> *Lincoln County Registry Deeds*, Vol. 39, p. 3.



Ch. were:—*Benjamin*, b. June 2, 1742, settled in Bath; *John*, b. Sept. 1, 1744, settled in Bath; *Joseph*, b. Dec. 30, 1746, settled on the homestead; *Judith*, b. April 18, 1749. m. a Mr. Arno; *Tobias* and *Thomas*, twins, b. July 2, 1751, settled in Lisbon; *Nathaniel*, b. Feb. 17, 1756, settled on the homestead; another son, *Reuben*, whose birth is not recorded, settled either in Lisbon or Wales.

## HARMON.

COL. JOHNSON HARMON came from York or its immediate vicinity and settled in Harpswell in 1727. Reference has already been made to his military services and exploits, and but little else is known concerning him. He m. Mary, dau. of Jeremiah Moulton, of York. Ch. were:—*Zebulon*, b. Nov. 2, 1702; *Mary*, b. Mch. 28, 1704, m. Lieut. Richard Jaques; *Miriam*, b. July 7, 1707; *Johnson*, b. July 2, 1710; *Joseph*, b. Mch. 1, 1712; *Hannah*, b. Feb. 19, 1715; *Martha*, b. April 13, 1720. He was the ancestor of many, if not of all, the Harmons of this vicinity.

## HENRY.

JAMES HENRY came from Providence, R. I., about 1761 or 1762, to Harpswell, where he intended to reside; but having been disappointed in the purchase of a tract of land he had contemplated buying, he soon removed to Topsham, to the lot, probably, that he bought of Adam and James Hunter. For some years before coming to Topsham he had been a farmer; before that he had been a mariner, but he experienced so many disasters and encountered so many dangers, that he abandoned the sea. He was called "the cooper," but was not, it is said, a cooper by trade, but he acquired the appellation from the fact that his early sea-faring life had made him somewhat familiar with that business. He was one of the selectmen of Topsham in 1766 and in 1769. He m. a McNess. She was the sister of Col. Samuel Winchell's wife, and came to this country when eighteen years of age. It was two years subsequent to the time of her parents' arrival. It is believed that there was no other family of Henrys in this section of the State.<sup>1</sup> Ch. were:—*James*, who was probably m. Feb. 15, 1776, to Mercy Beveridge; *Mary*, m. Jan. 17, 1771, to Robert Gower; *Ann*, b. in 1748, m. James Wilson; *Betty*, m. July 28, 1776, to Stephen Titcomb; *Jennett*, b. Sept. 25, 1751, m. Joseph Berry; *Sarah*, m. a Sewall, of Bath.

## HINCKLEY or HINKLEY.

This name, variously spelt HINCHELIE, HYNCKELEY, HINGEL, HYNKELEY, HINCKELEY, HYNKELE, HINKLEY, was an ancient one before the Conquest. At the grand survey, begun by direction of William the Conqueror 1080, and completed 1086, Hinckley was returned a part of the possessions of Comus Albericus (Aubrey de Vere), Lord High Chamberlain. Soon after it became the property of Hugo de Grentsmainell, and was called the Honour or Barony of Hinckley. In 1303, Simon de Hynkley was vicar at Hinckley.

SAMUEL HINCKLEY, said to be the ancestor of all of the name in the United States, came from Tenterden, Kent, England, with his wife Sarah and four children, in March, 1634. He landed in Boston on Sept. 18, and settled in Scituate that same year. He was one of the associates of Rev. Mr. Lothrop.

<sup>1</sup> Woodman, MS. Hist.

He moved with his family to Barnstable in 1639. His wife Sarah d. Aug. 18, 1656. He m. for his second wife, Bridget Bodfish, Dec. 15, 1657. He d. at Barnstable, Mass., Oct. 31, 1662. His will was dated Oct. 8, 1662. He left the use of his house and garden, and some land, to his wife Bridget, during her widowhood, and also gave her "all the household stuff she brought with her," and his two cows "Prosper" and "Thrivewell," but his landed property, and the rest of his live stock, which was considerable, he divided chiefly among his sons. He left to each of his daughters, and to each of their ch. the nominal sum of one shilling, by which it is presumed the daughters were all married and well provided for. He bequeathed some of his live stock to his grandchildren, sons of Thomas and Samuel, and to Mary and Bathsheba, daughters of Thomas, and to Henry Cobb's sons, Samuel and Jonathan. In Freeman's History of Cape Cod, Samuel Hinkley is described as having been a very prominent man in public affairs.

One of his sons (Thomas) was governor of Plymouth Colony from 1681 to 1692 (except during Andross' rule), and was otherwise very prominent in the affairs of the colony.

SAMUEL HINCKLEY (see Biog.), of the third generation from Samuel, was b. Sept. 24, 1684; m. Mary, dau. of Edmond Freeman of Eastham. He moved to Brunswick about 1739, having by the way made a few years' stay at Biddeford, where the York County records say he bought thirty-three acres of land Aug. 29, 1735, of James Kent, for £115. He had ch.:—*Seth*, b. in Harwich, Dec. 25, 1707; *Shubael*, b. Harwich, March 25, 1709; *Samuel* and *Mary*, b. Harwich, Feb. 7, 1711; *Edmond*, b. Harwich, Nov. 20, 1712; *Reliance*, b. Harwich, Nov. 21, 1714; *Aaron*, b. in Truro, Sept. 13, 1715 (see Biog.); *Mehitable*, b. in Truro, Dec. 25, 1718; *Experience*, b. in Truro, Jan. 16, 1720. Of these sons Shubael, when about 75 years old, moved to the eastern part of the State and married his fifth wife in Machias, by whom he had 4 ch., whose descendants are to be found in that part of the State. The other sons of Samuel settled in Brunswick.

#### HOLBROOK.

JONATHAN HOLBROOK is said to have been the ancestor of all of the name in this vicinity. Settled in Harpswell, at what time is not known. He m. Rebecca, dau. of Rev. Samuel Veazie, of Harpswell. Ch. were:—*Israel*, b. 1773; *Deborah*, b. 1775, d. young; *Deborah*, b. 1778; *Abizer*, b. 1779, d. in infancy; *Abizer*, b. 1780; *Jonathan*, b. 1783; *Rebecca*, b. 1785; *Deborah*, b. 1788; *Hannah*, b. 1790; *Polly*, b. 1792; *Priscilla*, b. 1795.

#### HUMPHREYS.

LAWRENCE HUMPHREYS, the ancestor of the Humphreys family of Brunswick, was born in the Cove of Cork (now Queenstown), Ireland, in 1757. Of his early life but little is known, except that he received a good mercantile education, and after the death of his father went to one of the West Indies, probably Jamaica, where his first employment was as secretary to the widow of a wealthy planter.

He remained at Jamaica several years, returning to Ireland once during that time, until the close of our Revolutionary war, when he was sent by an

uncle, supercargo of a vessel laden with molasses from Jamaica for Georgetown, Me. This vessel, just at the close of her voyage, was wrecked on Parker's Island (now Georgetown), and with her cargo was a total loss.

Humphreys landed penniless among strangers, but soon found friends, and decided to remain in Georgetown. In 1788 he m. Elizabeth, dau. of John Campbell, one of the principal men of the town, whose father, Alexander Campbell, emigrated from Scotland to Georgetown in 1729 with his young bride, Frances Drummond.

After residing several years in Georgetown, Humphreys removed with his family to Topsham, where he d. 1835. His widow removed to Brunswick, where she d. in 1859, aged 92 years.

Their ch. were: — *Mary*, b. 1790, m. Rev. David James, d. Newburg, N. Y., 1844; *Sally*, b. Sept. 15, 1792, m. Benjamin Mason, d. 1843; *Nancy*, b. June 22, 1795, m. Thomas N. Thacker; *John Campbell*, b. Feb. 22, 1798 (see Biog.); *Daniel*, b. 1800, m. Lydia Clark, d. 1821; *Eliza*, b. 1806, m. Thomas U. Thacker, d. 1828; *William*, b. 1808, d. 1810; *Margaret*, p. 1810, m. Daniel Ham, living at Great Falls in 1877.

#### HUNT.

Several persons of this name settled in this country, at various places and times, in the seventeenth century. The Brunswick Hunts are descended from EDWARD HUNT, who was of Amesbury in 1677. He had a son *John*, who also had a son *John*. The latter was b. in 1718.

JOHN HUNT, the first of the name in Brunswick, came from Newburyport or Amesbury in 1752, and settled at the west end. He was probably of the third generation from Edward. No record of his ch. has been found. The earliest records of the family, in this town, which we have seen, are the following: —

EPHRAIM HUNT had ch. by wife Martha: — *Martha*, b. Nov. 20, 1779; *John*, b. Mch. 27, 1780; *Jeremiah*, b. Jan. 11, 1782; *James*, b. Sept. 10, 1783; *Jennet*, b. Aug. 8, 1785; *Lydia*, b. Oct. 9, 1787; *William*, b. July 19, 1789; *Sarah*, b. Nov. 16, 1791; *Ephraim*, b. Nov. 17, 1793; *Hannah*, b. Nov. 12, 1795; *Ebenezer*, b. Mch. 11, 1798; *Charles*, b. Oct. 4, 1800; *Clarisse*, b. Nov. 13, 1802; *James*, b. July 16, 1805.

WILLIAM HUNT, m. Elizabeth; ch. were: — *William*, b. Oct. 25, 1774; *Mary*, b. July 8, 1776; *Martha*, b. Dec. 11, 1777.

DANIEL HUNT m. Jannet. They had one ch., *David*, b. Sept. 18, 1783.

#### HUNTER.

ADAM HUNTER, the ancestor of all the Hunters in this vicinity, settled in Topsham in 1718, at which time he purchased of the Pejepscoot proprietors two lots of land of one hundred acres each, at £5 each. He was also one of the proprietors of the Cathance Mill right, owning one hundred and twenty-five acres of land and one eighth of the double saw-mill. He subsequently made other purchases of land. He was evidently a man of wealth for those days. His house was deemed the best in town, and to it strangers were directed for accommodation. He was a captain in the last Indian war, and a selectman in 1766. His wife was of Irish descent, and came to this country



when ten years of age. Their ch. were:—*Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 13, 1733, m. William Woodside of Brunswick; *James*, b. April 15, 1735; *Susannah*, b. Feb. 9, 1737, m. Benjamin Lemont, of Bath; *Mary*, b. Dec. 6, 1738, m. James Lemont; *Jane*, b. Feb. 28, 1740, m. Joseph Berry; *William*, b. Dec. 2, 1741; *John*, b. July 13, 1743; *Robert*, b. June 15, 1745; *Margaret*, b. June 28, 1747, m. Robert Patten, d. July, 1831; *Arthur*, b. April 5, 1749.

## JAQUES OR JAQUISH.

LIEUT. RICHARD JAQUES m. Mary, dau. of Col. Johnson Harmon, and came with Col. Harmon, or soon after, from York (about 1727) and settled in Harpswell. He was conspicuous in the Indian wars. Among other exploits he killed Ralle at Norridgewock. His descendants, though not numerous, still reside in this vicinity. Ch. were:—*Miriam*, b. June 24, 1725; *Susanna*, b. June 15, 1726; *Benjamin*, b. Oct. 17, 1731.

## JORDAN.

REV. ROBERT JORDAN was b. in the West of England in 1610. It is not improbable that he graduated at Oxford, as "a Robert Jordan matriculated at Oxford, 15 June, 1632, aged 19, as son of Edward Jordan of Worcester, county of Worcester."<sup>1</sup> In 1640 he came to America and settled at Spurwink. He was a kinsman of Thomas Purchase, and resided with the latter for some time, either previous to or subsequent to his residence at Spurwink. In 1642 he m. Sarah, dau. of John Winter. He subsequently removed to Newcastle and afterwards to Portsmouth, N. H., where he d. in 1678. He was an Episcopal clergyman. (For further particulars concerning him, see Williamson's Hist. of Me., Vol. I, p. 680.) Ch. were:—*John*, *Robert*, *Dominicus*, *Jedediah*, *Samuel*, and *Jeremiah*.

JOHN JORDAN, son of John and grandson of Rev. Robert Jordan, was b. at Cape Elizabeth about 1709. He moved to Brunswick in 1739, and thence to Harpswell, where he died about 1795. He was the ancestor of all the Jordans now living in Brunswick. Ch. were:—*Fields*, b. at Cape Elizabeth; *Peter* and *John*, b. in Brunswick.

## LARRABEE.

This is said to be a French family of Huguenot extraction.

BENJAMIN LARRABEE, of Falmouth (Portland), a son of Isaac, a military man, recovered the property of his father, who with his family had been forced to fly from the war. He m. Deborah, dau. of John Ingersoll, and had a son, *Benjamin*, b. 1700.

BENJAMIN LARRABEE, the ancestor of the Brunswick family of that name, is said by tradition to have been b. in Falmouth. He came to Brunswick about 1727, and was commander of Fort George for some years. He was also agent for the Pejepscot proprietors. He may have been the Benjamin referred to above as being born in 1700. He d. May 9, 1748. His wife's name was Mary. She survived him and m. John Oulton. Ch. were:—*Mary*, b. April

<sup>1</sup> Joseph L. Chester, of London, in a letter to J. W. Thornton, Esq., of Boston, April, 1876.

7, 1728; *Nathaniel*, b. in Fort George, Dec. 23, 1729; *Isabella*, b. Nov. 27, 1731; *Abigail*, b. Jan. 9, 1733-4; *Hannah*, b. Dec. 10, 1735; *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 10, 1737-8; *Benjamin*, b. Feb. 5, 1739-40; *Stephen*, b. July 12, 1742; *James*, who had a dau. who m. Aaron Hinkley.

## LUNT.

All persons of this name in this country, so far as known, are descended from HENRY LUNT, who was one of the original settlers of Newbury, Essex County, Mass., in the year 1635. His will, recorded at Ipswich, is dated in 1662. The name Lunt is of Scandinavian origin. In Denmark it is well known and is spelled Lundt. It seems likely that it is derived from some of the early Danish invaders or incursionists into England.<sup>1</sup>

AMOS LUNT (Biog.), a grandson of Henry, was b. in Falmouth, Feb. 29, 1752. He m. Mrs. Hannah Quimby, a dau. of Josiah Noyes. He came to Brunswick with Cutting and Thomas Noyes, lived with them in the fort awhile, and then built a two-story house on the corner of Mill and Bow Streets. He d. Mch. 4, 1837. Ch. were: — *Frederick* and *Harry*, who went to North Carolina and d. there; *Joseph*, who m. Martha, a niece of Dr. Page. He lived awhile in Brunswick and then moved to Fryeburg, where he d. without issue.

## McMANUS.

JAMES McMANUS came to this country from Ireland about the middle of the last century, and settled at Maquoit. He had five sons: — *Daniel*, *James*, *John*, *Richard*, *Robert*. The latter was b. July 14, 1764, in a house on the west side of the twelve-rod road, a few rods south of the old west meeting-house. He lived for a while with Deacon Robert Dunning and then for five years with Brigadier Thompson. John was b. about 1760, and served as a soldier nearly four years in the Revolution. He was at the surrender of Burgoyne, served under Gen. Sullivan in the Mohawk country, and received a wound at Cherry Valley which rendered him lame for life.

## MARINER.

The great-grandfather of the first of this name in Brunswick is said to have come from Wales, G. B., with a patent to settle Monhegan. It is also said that his two sons went out in their boats fishing, and upon their return found their father had been killed, and their mother knocked on the head with a hatchet by the Indians; a girl with them had escaped and hid. They took their mother and the girl into their boat, and after burying their father, sailed for Marblehead, where a physician was employed, who trepanned their mother's head, and she eventually recovered.<sup>2</sup>

JOHN MARINER settled in Brunswick, about 1766. He m. Ruth —. Ch. were: — *Samuel*, b. July 21, 1767, m. Margaret Mosley, Aug. 7, 1786; *Sarah*, b. June 11, 1769, m. John Simmons Gatchell; and probably other ch. He was the ancestor of all of the name in this vicinity.

<sup>1</sup> *N. E. H. and G. Reg.*, 22, p. 223.

<sup>2</sup> *Pejepscot Papers*.

## MARTIN.

The first of this name of whom we have found any record was JOHN MARTIN or MARTAIN, as the name was formerly spelled. He was among the early settlers of Brunswick. His wife's name was Margaret. Ch. were:—*John*, b. Nov. 3, 1738; *Elizabeth*, b. Mch. 5, 1740; *Rebecca*, b. Jan. 17, 1743; *Ephraim*, b. July 23, 1746; *Jennet*, b. Aug. 1750; *Samuel*, b. Dec. 25, 1753.

## MELCHER.

The name is from the Hebrew, and indicates a long line of ancestors. The meaning of the word is said to be "the king," "the kingly one," or "the royal one." The true spelling of the word is "Melchior." The name is a common one in Switzerland and in Germany. It is not known who was the first of the name to settle in this country. Joseph Melcher and his brother Samuel Melcher settled in this town about the year 1757, and were the ancestors of all of the name in this vicinity.

JOSEPH MELCHER settled at Bunganock, on the farm now occupied by Jedediah Mariner. He was a housewright by trade. He m. in 1757, Mary Cobb, of "Gorham town." He d. Apr. 21, 1821, in the 86th year of his age; she d. May 18, 1825, in the 87th year of her age. Ch. were:—*Noah*, *Nathaniel*, *Abner*, *Josiah*, *Samuel*, and nine others. Those named lived in Brunswick.

SAMUEL MELCHER, brother of Joseph, settled at New Meadows, on the farm now occupied by Dea. James Smith, and he built, in 1767, the house which Dea. Smith now occupies. He m. Isabella, dau. of Judge Aaron Hinkley. He d. Mch. 3, 1834, in the 90th year of his age; she d. Aug. 17, 1832, in the 86th year of her age. Ch. were:—*Reliance*, b. Nov. 15, 1768, d. Nov. 29, 1804; *Mary*, b. Aug. 5, 1771; *Aaron*, b. Feb. 23, 1773; *Samuel*, b. May 8, 1775, d. Mch. 3, 1862; *Elizabeth*, b. May 13, 1777; *Lois*, b. July 2, 1780; *Rebecca*, b. Mch. 6, 1783, m. a Donnel, now living in West Bath; *John*, b. May 19, 1785; *Noah*, b. May 30, 1788, d. in infancy; *Rachel*, b. Feb. 23, 1793.

## MERRILL.

The name of the first American ancestor of this family has not been ascertained, but was probably Nathaniel of Newbury, who was among the first settlers of that place. There was a John Merrill in Hartford, Conn., in 1657, who was a son of Nathaniel of Newbury. He had a son John, b. 1669, and a son Abel, b. 1680. One of these may have been the father of the John and Abel named below as settling in Arundel, but there is no positive evidence of the fact.

JOHN MERRILL, with his brother Abel, settled in Arundel, now Kennebunkport, about 1725, and erected a log-house there. It is not known from whence they came. He was b. about 1700. He m. Mary Hutchins of Kittery. Ch. were:—*Daniel*, *John*, *Hannah*, *Obed*, and *Humphrey*, who d. young.

JOHN MERRILL, son of John of Arundel, was born in Arundel, Jan. 29, 1734, m. Susannah Haley of Kittery, moved to Topsham in 1758. He d. March 24, 1828. Ch. were:—*Susannah*, b. in Topsham, Nov. 25, 1768, m. Andrew Walker of Arundel; *Mary*, b. April 9, 1770, m. Stephen Purinton of Harps-



well; *John*, b. Oct. 4, 1772; *Joseph*, b. Jan 22, 1774, d. 1798; *Abel*, b. July 30, 1776, d. Feb. 13, 1857. (See Biog.)

#### MERRYMAN.

(Spelled also Meryman and Merriman.)

WALTER MERRYMAN, the ancestor of all of that name in this vicinity, was an Irishman. He was kidnapped in Dublin and brought to Boston, where he was sold for his passage to a man named Simonton, who lived at Cape Elizabeth. After serving his time with Mr. Simonton he came to Harpswell, date not known. He first settled (according to the late Capt. James Merryman, of Harpswell) on Birch Island; then he moved to the mainland just above "Lookout Point," near the shore, and afterwards moved to a point nearer the road. According to Capt. James Sinnett, who is a descendant, he settled at first in the old house on the Neck, north of the Congregational Church, now occupied by his grandson, Hudson Merryman. He m. Betty Potter of Topsham. Ch. were:—*Thomas*, m. Sarah Bailey; *Hugh*, m. Delight Bailey; *Walter*, m. Betsey Webber; *James*, m. Hannah Blake; *Michael*, m. Mary Bishop; and several daughters, one of whom married Joseph Ewing.

#### MINOT.

The first American ancestor of this family was GEORGE MINOT, who was among the first Pilgrim emigrants to Mass., and one of the first settlers of Dorchester. He was the son of Thomas Minot, Esq., of Saffron-Walden, Essex, England, and was b. in 1594.

STEPHEN MINOT, of Boston, was grandson of George, of Dorchester. He was a merchant and one of the proprietors of the Pejepscot tract.

JOHN MINOT (Biog.), son of Stephen, was b. in Boston, in 1694. He was m. in Capt. John Slaughter's chamber, Boston, July 22, 1731, to Hannah Bradstreet, of Reading, Mass. He came to Brunswick in 1730. He d. Jan. 10, 1764. Ch. were:—*Mercy*, b. July 11, 1732, at Mair Point, Brunswick, m. Rev. John Wiswell of Portland; *Hannah*, b. March 9, 1733-4, at Richmond, m. Samuel Moody, moved to Boston and then to Bath; *Mehitable*, b. March 1, 1735, at Richmond; *John*, b. Dec. 4, 1737; *Thomas*, b. April 16, 1740.

#### MORSE.

JOSEPH MORSE was b. in England, emigrated to New England abt. 1635, and settled at Ipswich prior to 1641.

ANTHONY MORSE was b. at Marlboro', Wiltshire, England, May 9, 1606. Emigrated and settled at Newbury, 1635, and d. 1686. One of these was doubtless the ancestor of the Brunswick Morses, but the line has not been traced.

ANTHONY MORSE, of Portland, was b. 1720; had six sons, besides daughters. Two of his sons, *Joseph* and *Anthony*, settled in Brunswick about the time of the Revolution, and were the ancestors of all the Morses of this immediate vicinity.

JOSEPH MORSE was b. in Portland in 1745. Settled in Brunswick near where the old Baptist Meeting-House stood on the twelve-rod road at Ma-

quoit. He afterwards moved to Bunganock to the farm where Mrs. Emery Morse now lives. He was a cordwainer and also a shoemaker. He m. Hannah Hunt, dau. of Ephraim Hunt. He d. Feb. 10, 1817. Ch. were: — *John*, b. Jan. 23, 1774; *Hannah*, b. Nov. 12, 1775; *Ephraim*, b. Nov. 10, 1777; *Anne*, b. Nov. 8, 1779; *Martha*, b. Sept. 23, 1781; *Joseph*, b. Jan. 11, 1784; *Anthony*, b. Mch. 13, 1786; *Mary*, b. Apr. 30, 1788; *Susannah* and *Sarah*, b. July 30, 1790; *Benjamin*, b. May 17, 1793.

ANTHONY MORSE came to Brunswick with his brother Joseph. He was in the army during the whole period of the Revolution. He m. Susanna Elliot. He d. abt. 1811. Ch. were: — *Margaret*, b. Nov. 8, 1777; *Hannah*, b. Nov. 21, 1780; *James*, b. June 21, 1783; *Adam*, b. July 11, 1785; *Susannah*, b. Apr. 16, 1790; *Anthony*, b. Feb. 14, 1793.

## MOUNTFORT.

The first of this name of whom we find record was

EDMUND MOUNTFORT, who was settled in Brunswick, and had ch: — *Hannah*, b. Dec. 17, 1792; *Mary* and *Ester*, b. Jan. 11, 1796; *William*, b. July 20, 1798; *Vincent*, b. July 20, 1801; *Margaret*, b. July 1, 1804.

## NOYES.

REV. JAMES NOYES and his brother Nicholas came to this country in 1634 from Choulderton, Wiltshire, England, and was son of Rev. William Noyes, who was rector of that diocese in 1602.

NICHOLAS NOYES, brother of the above, was b. in Choulderton, Eng. in 1616. He m. Mary, a dau. of Capt. John Cutting. He d. Nov. 9, 1701, leaving a large family.

CUTTING NOYES, a grandson of Nicholas, was b. in Falmouth, Feb. 27, 1745. He came to Brunswick soon after the close of the Revolution, with his brother Thomas, and Amos Lunt. They bought a portion of the "Fort Right," and lived in the fort until Cutting built a house where the store of J. T. Adams & Co. now stands. He m. Anne Martin of Brunswick. He d. Feb. 15, 1813. Ch. were: — *Joseph*, b. Mch. 19, 1792, m. Mary Lowell, and lived in Turner; *Harriet* and *Mary*, b. Dec. 30, 1793; *Harriet* m. William N. Hall, of Brunswick, *Mary* m. Nathaniel Davis, of Woburn, and settled in Brunswick; *Jane*, b. Oct. 22, 1795, m. Ballard Green, who settled in Thomaston.

## ORR.

This family came from Ireland to Boston, in company with the Skollfields, in the early part of the last century. There were three brothers, Joseph, Clement, and John, with their sister Mary. They remained in Boston a few years, when, in 1742, they came to Harpswell and Brunswick. Joseph and Clement settled on the upper end of Harpswell Neck, and subsequently (about 1748) purchased Little Sebascodegan Island, which has since been known as Orr's Island, for which, it is said, they paid two shillings per acre. John settled on Mair Point.

JOSEPH ORR m. Mrs. William Wyer. Ch. were: — *Mary*, b. 1761, m. Col. Wm. Stanwood; *Lettice*, b. 1763, m. John Reed, of Topsham. She d. at the age of 93.

CLEMENT ORR, son of Clement, b. June 27, 1752, d. Oct. 9, 1813. His wife, Patience, d. Dec. 8, 1812, aged 61. Ch. were: — *Richard, John, Lettice, Mary.*  
JOHN ORR m. Susan Skolfield. Had no children.

## OWEN.

The name of the first American ancestor of this family has not been ascertained. The Brunswick Owens are probably descended from John and Lucretia, of Falmouth, who, according to Willis, had a son William in Brunswick.

GIDEON OWEN, the first of the name in Brunswick of whom there is any other record, was b. April, 1742. His wife's name was Jane. He d. July 8, 1772. Ch. were: — *Margaret*, b. Oct. 6, 1764; *Thomas*, b. Sept. 1, 1766; *Hugh White*, b. Sept. 23, 1768; *Martha*, b. July 13, 1770; *John*, b. Aug. 3, 1772; *David*, b. Nov. 31, 1774.

WILLIAM OWEN, whose wife's name was Mary, had ch.: — *Janney*, b. April 9, 1776; *Lucy*, b. June 3, 1779; *Rachel*, b. May 9, 1781; *William*, b. Jan. 3, 1784.

PHILIP OWEN was b. Feb. 18, 1756. He m. Joanna ——. He d. May 28, 1849. Ch. were: — *John*, b. Mch. 19, 1784; *Philip*, b. Dec. 3, 1785; *Dorothy*, b. Feb. 11, 1787; *Jane*, b. Sept. 29, 1789, m. Nath'l Badger; *Jeremiah*, b. Mch. 16, 1792; *Joanna*, b. May 13, 1794, m. Joseph Griffin; *Hannah*, b. Sept. 2, 1796.

## PATTEN.

Four brothers, ACTOR, WILLIAM, ROBERT, and MATTHEW PATTEN, came to this country early in the last century from Coleraine, a market town of Derry County, Ireland. According to one account they all came over at the same time (about 1727). Another account places the date of Robert's arrival at 1737. ACTOR was an elder of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He landed in Boston, from whence he went to Falmouth (Portland), and soon afterwards settled in Saco. From Saco he moved to Flying Point, in Freeport, and afterwards moved to what is now the town of Surry, where he d. previous to the Revolution. WILLIAM settled in Boston, and MATTHEW in Saco. ROBERT settled in Arundel (Kennebunk).

JOHN PATTEN, son of Actor, was b. in Ireland in 1717. He came to this country with his father in 1727. He m. Mary, a dau. of Robert Means, of Saco. She d. about 1798. He d. April 7, 1795. Ch. were: — *Robert*, b. May 14, 1743, in Saco; *Sarah*, who m. Robert Fulton; *Jane*, who m. William Randall in 1783, and who d. in Nov. 1832; *Mary*, who m. Samuel Jameson; *Hannah*, who m. Thomas Harward; *Margaret*, who m. James Maxwell; *John*, d. in Topsham, single; *William*, d. in England, a prisoner, single; *Thomas*, b. Feb. 10, 1761, m. Katherine Fulton; *Joseph*, b. in 1764; *Matthew*, d. at the age of 15; *Dorcas*, who m. James Hunter (son of Col. James Hunter); *Actor*, who m. Ann, dau. of John Hunter; *David*, who m. Hannah Reed, and who d. in Bowdoinham.

ACTOR PATTEN, son of Robert Patten who settled in Arundel (Kennebunk) in 1737, was a cousin of John. He was b. in Ireland, Jan. 22, 1737. He m. in 1766, Jane, a dau. of Hugh McLellan, of Gorham. She was b. Dec. 29, 1748, and d. Aug. 28, 1835. He was only six weeks old when his parents emigrated to this country. He was an only son. He moved to Topsham in



Dec. 1760, when 23 years of age. He had visited the town the previous June. He d. July 26, 1816. Ch. were: — *Elizabeth*, who m. Benjamin Patterson, of Saco; *Robert*; *Acton*, b. in Topsham, in 1771; *Mary*, who m. 1st, Thomas Buckminster, of Saco, m. 2d, Dr. Shannon, of Saco, and d. at Passadumkeag, of croup, in Jan. 1834; *Abigail*, who m. William Tate; *Jane*, who m. Jonathan Marston, of Monmouth; *Lebecca*, who m. Robert McLellan, of Gorham; *Hugh*, who m. Lucy Green (sister of Nathaniel and Gardner Green); *Rachel*, who d. single; *William*, who was a sea-captain; *Margaret*, who m. 1st, Joseph Swett, and 2d, Noah Melcher.

## PENNELL.

THOMAS PENNELL and two of his brothers came to America from the Isle of Jersey, in the English Channel, about the year 1740. They are supposed to have descended from a Huguenot family, who fled from France on account of religious persecution. It is said that these three brothers were orphans who had some property in England, and were sent here by their uncle, who had charge of the property, under pretence of giving them an education, and that they landed at Scituate, Mass., without any money. After stopping there awhile they moved to York, and from there to Capisic (near Portland), where Thomas and one of his brothers bought, each, a farm. Thomas is said to have lost his on account of an incumbrance upon it when he purchased it. The brother who bought a farm there also remained, and his descendants are scattered over Gray, Westbrook, Portland, and neighboring towns. The other brother went to Kingston, Canada, where his descendants are to be found. Thomas m. Rachel Riggs. He moved from Capisic to Gorham, and afterwards, in 1760, to New Meadows, Brunswick. He d. Nov. 12, 1812. Ch. were: — *Matther*, b. in Capisic, 1748, d. in Portland, 1817; *Thomas*, *Jacob*, *John*, *Stephen*, and several daughters, one of whom m. a Mr. Ham, whom she survived, and afterwards m. James Merryman, of Harpswell.

## PERRY.

The ancestor of at least one of the families of this name now residing in Brunswick was NATHANIEL PERRY, who emigrated from England about 1680. His son JOHN, of Rehoboth, Mass., was b. in 1770.

JOHN PERRY, grandson of the John named above, was b. in Rehoboth, Dec. 3, 1772. In 1798 moved to Brunswick. He m. in 1802, Jane, dau. of Col. Wm. Stanwood. He d. in Bangor, March 18, 1846. Ch. were: — *John A.*; *Octavia Jane*; *Isabella Hunt*; *Martha Stanwood*; *William Stanwood*; *Hannah L. W.*; *Jesse Appleton*.

## PETERSON.

The name of the first American ancestor of this family has not been ascertained. The earliest known was JOSEPH PETERSON, of Duxbury, Mass., whose son JONATHAN d. in 1756.

JOHN PETERSON, grandson of Jonathan above named, and the ancestor of all of the name in this vicinity, came to Brunswick about 1783, and settled at New Meadows. His wife's name was Sarah. They lived in the house now occupied by Bartlett Adams. He kept a store in the building opposite, and also

in a building near the river. He built vessels, had a mill, and was one of the most enterprising citizens of the time. All of his children but the last three were b. in Duxbury. Ch. were:—*John*, b. July 30, 1767; *Levi*, b. Nov. 7, 1769; *James*, born Dec. 30, 1771; *Nancy*, b. Mch. 20, 1774; *Charles*, b. Aug. 20, 1776; *Hewett*, b. Sept. 19, 1778; *Sarah*, b. Jan. 20, 1781; *Daniel*, b. Oct. 28, 1783; *Abigail*, b. in Brunswick, Sept. 17, 1786; *William*, b. Mch. 4, 1789; *Lucy*, b. April 27, 1791.

## POTTER.

The name of the ancestor of the Potter family in this vicinity has not been ascertained. He had three sons, *William*, *James*, and *Alexander*, who all settled in Topsham, about 1740.

WILLIAM POTTER m. Catherine Mustard (tradition says). She afterwards m. Edward Cunningham, of Bowdoin. He was killed by the Indians in 1747. Ch. were:—*James*, called the second; *Alexander*, who m. a lady by the name of Snipe, of Georgetown; *John*; *David*, who m. Ruth, dau. of Caleb Curtis, of Harpswell; *Samuel*, who was drowned; *Joseph*, who lived at Moose Island, Eastport; *Matthew*, who m. Isabel Heddrean, Sept. 1787; *William*.

JAMES POTTER settled on Lot No. 41, in Topsham. Ch. were:—*William*, who lived in Litchfield; *John*, who also lived in Litchfield; *Samuel*, b. in 1746, m. April 21, 1778, Elizabeth Dunlap, and d. about 1800; *Hewey*, who lived in Gardiner; *Joseph*, who lived in Ohio; *James*, who m. April 8, 1784, Jenny Mallet; *Andrew*, who lived in Gardiner; *Christian*, who m. Jan. 6, 1777, Ebenezer Dunlap, of Litchfield; *Elizabeth*, who m. Nov. 26, 1782, James Dunlap; *Jane*, who m. April, 1787, Nathaniel Marston, of Gardiner.

ALEXANDER POTTER b. in 1711, d. April 14, 1800. Ch. were:—*Alexander*, who m. in 1782, Abigail, dau. of Ezra Randall; *Mary*, who m. April 18, 1777, Hatherby Foster, of Georgetown; *Jane*, b. in Topsham, Dec. 11, 1743, m. John, son of William Rogers.

## PURINTON.

Humphrey Purinton came from Cape Cod, about the time of the last Indian war, to the New Meadows River, settling on the Bath side, near the present railroad bridge. His ch. were all born before he came here. They were:—*Nathaniel*, b. 1731 (or 1736); *Abial*, who m. Brig. Sam'l Thompson; *Joshua*, who lived in Bath; *Hezekiah*; *James*, b. in Truro, Mass., April 9, 1742; *Humphrey*.

He was the ancestor of all the name in this vicinity who spell the name as above.

## RANDALL.

WILLIAM RANDALL emigrated from Bristol, England, and settled in Scituate, Mass., about 1660. He was the father of *Joseph*, who was the father of *Benjamin*.

EZRA RANDALL, son of Benjamin above named, settled in Topsham, but afterwards moved to Bowdoinham. He is called a shipwright in a deed to him dated Oct. 15, 1761, from Jacob Eaton, of a lot numbered 18, in the town plan.<sup>1</sup> May 7, 1762, he also bought lots 13, 14, 15, and 16, of Michael Mal-

<sup>1</sup> *Lincoln Registry Deeds, Lib. 1, p. 144.*

colm of Georgetown, and May 14, 1762, he sold lots 13 and 14 to his brother Paul.<sup>1</sup> June 4, 1766, he sold to his brother William fifty acres of land.<sup>2</sup> He is said to have been addicted to drinking liquors, and to have soon squandered his property. He m. Margaret ——. He d. in Bowdoinham, aged 88. Ch. were:—*Isaiah*, b. Nov. 4, 1772; *John*, b. Feb. 24, 1769; *Nabby*, who m. John Mustard, Jan. 22, 1778; *Joseph*, who m. Martha Reed, about 1778; *Heatherby*, b. Aug. 26, 1766; *Ezra*, b. Aug. 28, 1764; *Margaret*, b. Aug. 6, 1762, m. Alexander (son of Alexander) Potter, of Bowdoin; *Isaac*, b. June 1, 1776; *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 28, 1779.

PAUL RANDALL, son of Benjamin and brother of Ezra, b. in Scituate in 1736; settled in Harpswell. He m. Molly McFarland. Ch. were:—*Paul*, and probably others.

WILLIAM RANDALL, also brother of Ezra, was b. in Scituate, Mass., Jan. 1, 1743. He m. Jane Patten, to whom his intention of marriage was published, July 23, 1783. He settled in Topsham, later than his other brothers there. He bought fifty acres of Ezra, and together with Daniel, eighty-five acres of land of his brother Paul, and fifty acres of William Thorne, Jr. (See deeds referred to.) He was one of the selectmen in 1776, and one of the Committee of Correspondence and Safety in 1778 and in 1785. He d. in Topsham, June, 1826. Ch. were:—*Jane*, b. April 28, 1784, m. James Jameson; *William*, b. Aug. 22, 1785, who was father of Elbridge; *Benjamin*, b. Nov. 14, 1789, graduated at Bowd. Coll. in 1809.

DANIEL RANDALL, brother of Ezra, m. a Widow Kemp, and moved to Harpswell, where he d. He bought land, with his brother William, of Paul, Ezra, and William Thorne. Ch. was:—a *dau.*, who m. Capt. Norton Stover.

#### RAYMOND.

PAUL RAYMOND came from Dorchester, Mass., or vicinity, to Harpswell, previous to 1770. He had ch.:—*Edward*, b. in Harpswell, Dec. 5, 1771; m. Lydia Coombs, dau. of Anthony, who came from Dorchester; moved to Brunswick (Growstown), in 1799. *Paul*, who m. Abigail, dau. of Wm. Thompson, of Harpswell.

#### REED.

The name of the ancestor of the Reed family, of Topsham and Harpswell, has not been ascertained, but the family is of Irish descent. Three brothers, David, John, and William, settled in Topsham about 1731.

DAVID REED m. Anna Rogers (the sister of John who was the father of Hugh). He lived on what is now known as the Willis Sprague farm. He was licensed May 26, 1761, by the Court of Sessions, as an innholder, and also in 1762, '63, '64, '66, '67, and in 1771, as a retailer, and again as an innholder in 1772, '73, and '74. He was a lieutenant, under Capt. Actor Patten, at the Penobscot expedition, and was a captain in 1783. He was one of the Committee of Correspondence and Safety in 1776, '81, and '83. He removed to the Penobscot about 1790, and was one of the earliest settlers of Stillwater. He is said to have built the first mills there. Ch. were:—*Drina*, b. July 12,

<sup>1</sup> *Opus cit.*, pp. 187 and 188.

<sup>2</sup> *Opus cit.*, Lib. 5, p. 6.



1760; *Mary*, b. July 8, 1762; *Margaret*, b. Aug. 20, 1769; *Anna*, b. July 22, 1766; *David*, b. Mch. 7, 1769.

JOHN REED was b. in Ireland about 1719. He d. Jan. 12, 1795. Ch. were: — *John*, b. in Ireland about 1747; *Jane*, who m. Joseph Foster, of Topsham; *Martha*, who m. Joseph, son of Ezra Randall; *Hannah*, m. Robert, son of Rev. James Potter; *Charity*, who m. 1st, Benjamin, son of Ezra Randall, 2d, a Prescott (who ran off and left her), and, 3d, John Hern, of Ireland, afterwards of Whitefield; *Susan*, who d. single.

WILLIAM REED was b. abt. 1691. His wife's name was Mary. He d. in July or Aug. 1773. Ch., if any, are unrecorded.

#### RICH.

The earliest known ancestor of this family was RICHARD RICH, a mariner, who went from Dover, N. H., to Truro, Mass., and was admitted as a freeman in 1681, and d. in 1692. His son *Richard* was father of *Obadiah*.

ISAAC RICH, son of Obadiah and Polly [Cobb] Rich, of Truro, Mass., moved to Harpswell and settled on Great Island in 1797, bringing with him a numerous family. He was the ancestor of all of the name in this vicinity. Of his ch., *Zaheth*, m. Mary, dau. of Capt. Sam'l Snow; *Isaac*, m. Sarah S. Small, who still survives; *David*, m. Betsey Rich, of Truro; *Reuben*, settled in West Bath, where his descendants still reside.

#### RIDLEY.

JAMES RIDLEY came from Truro to Harpswell before the Revolution, but precisely when is not known. He m. Mary, dau. of Samuel Small of Truro. Ch. were: — *Mark*, b. 1757; *Daniel*, b. 1759; *Rachael*, b. 1763.

#### ROGERS.

WILLIAM ROGERS, the ancestor of all of that name in this vicinity, was b. in Ireland. Nothing more than this fact and the names of his children have been ascertained concerning him. Ch. were: — *John*; *George*, who d. in Freeport; *Thomas*, who d. in Georgetown; *Hugh*, who d. in Georgetown; *William*, who d. in Freeport; *Ann*, who m. Benjamin Kendall; *Margaret*, who m. Rev. John Miller, of Brunswick; *Robert*, who d. in Phippsburg.

JOHN ROGERS, son of William, Sen., was b. in Georgetown, June 20, 1746, O. S. He m. Jane, dau. of Alexander Potter, of Topsham. He probably moved to Topsham about 1768, as there was a John Rogers there at that time. The last-named was a sea-captain during a portion of his life. He was one of the selectmen in 1790, '91, and '92. He was town clerk in 1797 and '98. Ch. of John and Jane were: — *John*, b. Aug. 30, 1771, lost his leg in Jan. 1836; *William*, b. June 2, 1773; *Jenny*, b. Nov. 15, 1775, m. Ephraim Larrabee; *Alexander*, b. March 13, 1778, moved out West; *Dinah*, b. April 1, 1781, m. Nahum Houghton; *Hugh*, b. Feb. 9, 1785, d. April 30, 1867.

ALEXANDER ROGERS, son of George and grandson of William, Sen., was b. in Georgetown in 1754; moved to Topsham, but precisely when is not known. He m. Margaret [Wilson] Hunter, widow of John Hunter, and settled on the farm which was occupied by the late Hon. George Rogers, and which is now

occupied by the family of the late George A. Rogers. He was the father of George and grandfather of George A.

## ROSS.

The earliest reference to this family which has been found is contained in Vol. I. Me. Hist. Coll., p. 314, where allusion is made to a James Ross, as follows:—

"JAMES ROSS was born in Falmouth, 1662, son of James. He was taken prisoner with his father's family in 1676, and again in 1690. He was a shoemaker by trade, and occupied his father's farm, or part of it, at Back Cove. His mother was ANN, the eldest daughter of George Lewis. On his return from his second captivity, he resided at Salem. His father was here [Falmouth], about 1657. He was living in Salem in 1724." In 1720 a JAMES ROSS purchased of the Pejepscot proprietors a lot of land in Topsham (probably lot No. 18), and built a house upon it, and resided there for some time. After his death, which was previous to 1761, his heirs sold their rights to the land. (See Linc. Co. Reg. Deeds, Vol. I, p. 170.) It is not improbable that this James may have been a son of James of Falmouth, but the connection has not been traced. The first of the family in Brunswick of which we have found any record was WILLIAM ROSS, who was b. July 15, 1747. He was probably son of William, of Sheepscot. His wife's name was Jennett. She was b. Nov. 12, 1752. Ch. were:—*William*, b. Nov. 15, 1773; *Jennett*, b. Aug. 3, 1775; *Martha*, b. Mch. 27, 1777; *Elizabeth*, b. Mch. 22, 1777; *Anna*, b. Oct. 11, 1781; *Robert*, b. Oct. 7, 1783; *James*, b. Mch. 27, 1785; *Sarah*, b. Apr. 21, 1790.

## SIMPSON.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, the ancestor of all of the name in this vicinity, came from the southern part of Ireland (probably from the county of Clare) about 1735, and bought the farm at Maquoit where Robert Chase lived in 1859. He returned to Ireland and brought back his wife and two daughters, but left one son there. Both of his daughters married and went to Sheepscot. One, *Jane*, m. a Hopkins, and lived, it is said, to be 102 years old. His wife's name was Agnes. Ch. b. in America were:—*William*, b. Nov. 17, 1738; *Robert*, b. Oct. 30, 1740; *Lewis*, *Josiah*, and two other sons. All but Lewis and Josiah settled at Sheepscot. Josiah settled on the homestead. He m. 1st, Elizabeth, dau. of Robert Spear, Jr.; 2d, a dau. of James Potter. He d. Dec. 25, 1819. Lewis m. Martha Skolfield.

## SINNETT.

MICHAEL SINNETT, the ancestor of all by that name in this vicinity, was born in an inland town of Ireland. After serving his time as an apprentice, he, in company with one or two fellow-workmen, went to Dublin in search of employment. They had been in Dublin but a few days when, as they were loitering about the wharves, looking at the shipping, which to them was a novel sight, they were accosted by a well-dressed man of pleasant appearance, who, after some conversation, invited them to go down the harbor in a vessel which was about to sail, assuring them that they could return with the pilot. They, without suspicion, accepted the invitation. As soon as the

city was fairly left behind, Mr. Sinnett and his companions were taken before the captain, who informed them that they must go to America with him, and that resistance would be of no avail. They were thunderstruck, but resolved to make the best of their unlucky situation.

When the vessel reached Boston, public notice was given that Sinnett and his companions, having embarked of their own free will, and having no money to pay their passage, would be sold to pay their passage fees. Joseph Orr, who with his brother Clement had purchased Orr's Island, paid the passage money for Sinnett, and took him home with him and set him at work upon his farm. What became of Sinnett's companions we do not know.

When Sinnett had served for a length of time sufficient to reimburse Orr for the passage-money paid by the latter, he was a free man. Soon after gaining his freedom, he married a woman whose relatives lived in Hingham, Mass. Her full name we have been unable to learn, but her Christian name was Mary. Shortly after his marriage, Sinnett went with his wife to what is now Boothbay, where he built a small house and began to clear up a piece of land. By and by a coaster came along, bound for Boston. Mrs. Sinnett thought it a good opportunity for her to visit her relatives, and Mr. Sinnett assuring her that he could get along alone for a few weeks, she concluded to make the journey. She had been gone but a few days when a press-gang came ashore and carried him to New York, from whence he was marched, *via* the Lakes, to Quebec, to join Gen. Wolfe's army. He continued in the service until after the capture of Quebec, when he was discharged. Meantime his wife had returned to their dwelling at Boothbay, and finding it deserted she picked her way, as best she could, to Orr's Island, and told her story to Joseph Orr. He took pity on her, and promised to take care of her. He and she then went in a boat to Boothbay, and brought back to Orr's Island what few things of value were left in the house. When her husband was discharged, he, with others who had been impressed into the service, picked their way back to Maine. He came directly to Joseph Orr's, where he found his wife. Mr. Orr then sold to Sinnett thirty acres of land, for which the latter was to pay, and did pay, in days' work.

On this lot he built a house, and it stands to-day in good repair, a monument to his industry and perseverance under difficulties. Ch. were:—*Stephen*, b. 1766; *James*, b. 1770.

#### SKOLFIELD.

The first of the name of whom there is any knowledge was Thomas Skolfeld, of England, who was an officer in King William's army in 1690, when King James was driven from Ireland. He was granted a tract of land for his services, and settled in Ireland. He had four ch.:—*Thomas*, *George*, *Elizabeth*, and *Susan*. Thomas, George, and Susan came to America early in the last century. George settled in Philadelphia. Thomas and Susan settled in Brunswick. The latter m. John Orr.

THOMAS SKOLFIELD (see Biog.) was b. in Ireland in 1707. He settled in Brunswick on the farm now owned by Peter Woodard. He m. Mary Orr. He d. Jan. 6, 1796. She d. Aug. 1, 1771, aged 57. Ch. were:—*Rebecca*, b. July 8, 1737; *Richard*, b. Sept. 6, 1738; *Clement*, b. June 1, 1740; *Anne*, b. May 18,



1742, m. Robert Spear, Jr.; *Thomas*, b. June 8, 1744, in Brunswick, m. Ann Anderson; *Mary*, b. Feb. 10, 1748, m. Captain Robert Given; *Stephen*, b. July 8, 1751; *Martha*, b. Mch. 19, 1753, m. Lewis Simpson; *John*, b. June 13, 1755; *Joseph*, b. Mch. 1, 1757; *William*, b. Aug. 27, 1760.

## SMALL.

The ancestor of this family, in Harpswell at least, is believed to have been TAYLOR SMALL, who was b. in Truro, Mass., and moved to Harpswell, between 1750 and 1755. He m. Thankful, dau. of Thomas Ridley. Ch. were:—*Deborah*, b. 1743; *Thankful*, b. 1745; *Taylor*, b. 1746; *Joseph*, b. 1748; *David*, b. 1750,—all b. in Truro. The following were b. in Harpswell:—*Thomas*, b. 1755; *Samuel*, b. 1757; *Ephraim*, b. 1759; *Lydia*, b. 1761; *Mark*, b. 1763.

## SMITH.

JOSEPH SMITH was one of the early settlers of Brunswick. He settled at New Meadows in 1739. His wife's name was Susannah. Ch. were:—*Thomas*, b. Feb. 22, 1754; *Samuel*, b. Oct. 10, 1756; *Molly*, b. Mch. 22, 1758.

Thomas was killed by the Indians when fourteen years old, *i. e.*, in 1768. He was going after the cows, and when near the tan-pits the Indians intercepted him. His father saw the Indians and shot one of them. They then shot Thomas, and his father killed another of them.

## SNOW.

NICHOLAS, ANTHONY, and WILLIAM SNOW are reported to have come over early. The two former brought families. William was an apprentice and settled in Duxbury. Anthony settled first at Plymouth, and then, in 1642, in Marshfield. Nicholas, who came over in the *Ann* in 1623, settled in Eastham. From one of these probably sprang the Snows of this vicinity, but the connecting links are missing.

The ancestor of the Snow family of this vicinity was ISAAC SNOW, who settled in Harpswell early in the last century. His wife's name was Affier. Ch. were:—*John*, b. July 25, 1734; *Isaac*, b. May 18, 1736; *Elisha*, b. March 26, 1739; *Joseph*, b. Oct. 2, 1740; *Ambrose*, b. Mch. 20, 1742; *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 3, 1743; *Samuel*, b. Feb. 28, 1745; *Mercy*, b. Dec. 8, 1751; *Hannah*, b. Oct. 30, 1756.

Samuel, John, and Isaac are said to have once owned all the land on the east side of Great Island, Harpswell, north of where Mark Small now lives.

## SPEAR.

ROBERT SPEAR, one of the early settlers in Brunswick, was b. abt. 1682. He may have been son or grandson of George, of Braintree, who was made a freeman in 1644. He lived a little west of where the old meeting-house stood. His house was a garrison, protected by a timber fortification. Mr. Spear is supposed to have m. a Finney. His wife d. in 1781, aged 85 years. He d. in 1763. Ch. were:—*Robert*; *William*; a dau. who m. John Given; another dau. who m. William Ross.

## SPRAGUE.

This family is doubtless descended from FRANCIS SPRAGUE, who arrived in this country in 1623, and settled in Duxbury about 1632.

CAPT. JOSEPH SPRAGUE came to this vicinity from Duxbury in 1787. Settled first in Bowdoinham; moved to Topsham in 1791 or 1792. He was b. in 1757; m. Ruth Hunt, of Duxbury. Ch. were:—*James*, b. in Weymouth, Oct. 5, 1783; *Oakman*, b. in Duxbury, Oct. 4, 1786; *Joseph*, b. in Bowdoinham, Aug. 16, 1788; *Elizabeth*, b. in Bowdoinham, Aug. 1, 1790; *Ruth*, b. in Topsham, June 29, 1792; *Mary*, b. Aug. 27, 1794; *Samuel*, b. Apr. 1, 1796; *Willis*; *David*; *Frances*.

## STANWOOD.

EBENEZER STANWOOD, or STANDWOOD, as he himself spelled the name, was the ancestor of all of that name in this vicinity, if not of all of the name in the country. He came from Ireland, and settled in Brunswick in 1719. He was a lieutenant in the Indian wars, and was a selectman for two years. He was b. about 1695, and d. July 21, 1772. Ch. were:—*David*, m. Mary Reed, of Topsham; *William*, b. 1726, m. Elizabeth Reed, of Topsham; he d. 1797. *Samuel*, m. 1st, Jane [Lithgow], widow of John McFarland, 2d, Mary Woodside: he d. 1790; *Susan*.

## STAPLES.

This family is understood to be of English origin. One or more of the name came early to this country. The connection between the first of the name to settle in Topsham and those who first came to America has not been traced.

SAMUEL STAPLES was b. April 19, 1733. He settled in Topsham as early as 1768 and probably earlier. He m., 1st, Sibbel ———, who was b. Oct. 31, 1737, and d. in 1778. He m., 2d, Lydia Wells, of Falmouth. Their banns were published July, 1779. Ch. by Sibbel were:—*Dorcas*, b. Dec. 9, 1783, m. 1st, James, son of Stephen Staples, and, 2d, a Houdlette; *Stephen*, b. Nov. 6, 1756, m. a Coombs, lived and died in Lisbon; *Mary*, b. Jan. 31, 1760, m. a Hobbs; *Elizabeth*, b. July 16, 1762; *Sibbel*, b. Mch. 23, 1764, m. a Walker; *Charity*, b. April 20, 1778. Ch. by Lydia were:—*Jeremiah*, b. June 9, 1780; *Winstow*, b. Mch. 30, 1782; *Lydia*, b. Mch. 28, 1784, m. James Wain; *Eleanor*, b. June 4, 1786, m. Dec. 1802, Nathaniel Quint; *Lucy*, b. Dec. 8, 1789, d. single.

STEPHEN STAPLES was b. Mch. 27, 1739, settled in Topsham about 1758. He m. 1st, Jude ———, who was b. Nov. 15, 1738, d. Oct. 6, 1763. He m. 2d, Susannah Hobbs, of Falmouth, about 1764. Intentions were recorded Aug. 11, 1764, she survived him and m. Johnson Graves. Ch. by Jude were:—*Lucy*, b. Nov. 8, 1760 (probably the one published to Hatevil Laten, Falmouth, Jan. 13, 1781); *Joseph*, b. Aug. 12, 1762. Ch. by Susannah were:—*Ephraim*, b. May 28, 1765, lived in Gray; *Anne*, b. April 15, 1767, m. Alexander Howland, abt. 1787; *Jude*, b. May 9, 1769, m. George Potter, of Bowdoin; *John*, b. July 27, 1771; *Josiah*, b. May 2, 1774; *Daniel*, b. April 19, 1777; *James*, b. June 2, 1779; *Mary*, b. July 7, 1782, d. single; *Robert*, b. May 6, 1788, lived in Bowdoinham.

STONE.

SIMON STONE and his brother GREGORY were among the early settlers of Watertown, and from them are descended most of the very numerous families of that name in New England. Gregory moved to Cambridge about 1637.

BENJAMIN STONE and w., Rebecca Littlefield, came from Kennebunk in 1760, and settled in Brunswick. At first he lived in the fort, afterwards built a large house near the corner of Maine and Mill Streets, which he occupied as a tavern. He d. 1806. Ch. were:— *Lydia*, b. 1758, m. Joseph Holt Ingraham, of Portland; *William*, b. 1761, d. at sea, unmarried; *Benjamin*, b. 1763, m. Elizabeth McLellan, of Portland, d. at sea; *James*, b. 1764, m. Hannah Walker, of Topsham, d. in 1802; *Rebecca*, b. 1766, m. Joseph McLellan, of Portland, moved to Brunswick in 1819, and d. in 1825; *John*, b. 1768, d. at Brunswick, 1787; *Theodore*, b. 1770, never m., d. at Baring, Me., in 1839; *Daniel*, b. 1772, m. Nancy Hinkley, of Brunswick, d. 1825; *Mathias*, b. 1774, d. in Brunswick, 1793; *Hennath*, b. 1776, m. Joseph E. Foxcroft, of New Gloucester, d. in 1810; *Jotham*, b. 1778, m. 1st, Bridget Walker, of Concord, N. H., 2d, Nancy Whitwell, of Boston. He d. at Brunswick in 1824.

STOVER.

(STAFFORD?)

JOHN STOVER, the ancestor of all of that name in Harpswell, was b. in 1709, in the town of York. It is held as a family tradition, handed down for many generations, that when he was nine years old his parents and all his brothers and sisters were killed by the Indians; that he escaped by hiding under a pile of brush; that when he was discovered by the whites he had been so terribly frightened that he was not sure of his name, but thought that it was *Stafford*; and that he was adopted by a family named Stover. (It has been ascertained that two brothers named Stafford emigrated from England, one of whom settled in Providence, R. I., and the other in York, Me.) He m. a dau. of Captain Johnson Harmon. He moved to Harpswell, probably not later than 1730, and settled on a spot about half-way between the present highway and Norton Stover's ship-yard. He d. about 1786. Ch. were:— *John*, who d. at home; *Wanton*, who settled in Portland; *Joseph*; *Alcott*; *Johnson*; *Abigail*, who m. a Varnum, and moved to Bowdoin; *Mary*, m. a Wheeler, who lived where Robert Stover now does.

SWETT.

ARMS. — Gules, two chevrons between as many mullets in chief and a rose in base argent, seeded or.

CREST. — A mullet or, pierced azure between two gillyflowers, proper.

According to Burke, the SWETE or SWETT family was formerly of Trayne in Edward VI's time, and subsequently of Oxtou, in the county of Devonshire, which furnished many colonists to New England.

JOHN SWETT, admitted to the freedom of the Mass. Colony, 18th May, 1642, was one of the grantees of Newbury as early as Dec. 7, 1642.

JOHN SWETT, probably a descendant of John of Newbury, came to Brunswick in 1788. Ch. were:— *William*; *John*; and *James*.



## SWIFT.

WILLIAM SWIFT was an early settler on Cape Cod. He d. in Sandwich in 1642. His descendants are very numerous.

MAJOR LEMUEL SWIFT, probably a descendant of William of Sandwich, came from New Bedford, and settled in Brunswick in 1790. He was a hatter by trade, and a major in the militia. He d. June 30, 1820, and was the first person buried in Pine Grove Cemetery (the village burying-ground). Ch. were: — *Dean*, b. Feb. 16, 1791, d. Nov. 1877; *Mary Jane*, b. Sept. 19, 1810; *John Lufkin*, b. Jan. 1, 1813; *Swan Dincen*, b. Mch. 3, 1815.

## SYLVESTER OR SILVESTER.

ARMS. — A<sup>r</sup>. an oak tree, eradicated, vert.

CREST. — A lion's head, erased, vert.

This name appears to be of French origin; and in the French language, *Sylvestre* signifies *a tree*, whence the coat of arms represents an *oak-tree* in the shield, being a *parlant* or *speaking* coat, descriptive of the name. We find the family settled in England not long after the Conquest, and the ancestor probably went over in the army of William, in 1069. *Stephen Sylvestre* was among the gentry of Norfolk. *Gabriel Sylvester*, D. D., was Prebend of Weeford, Litchfield, in 1506. The family is highly respectable in the old country, and is numerously represented in the United States. (See Hist. of Hanover, Mass.)

The first of the name in New England was RICHARD, who was of Weymouth, 1633, and of Scituate, 1642.

WILLIAM SILVESTER, of the third generation from Richard, was born in Hanover, Mass., Feb. 25, 1708; m. Mary Barstow May 12, 1736. She b. in Hanover, May 20, 1717.

In his diary is the following entry: —

“May 25, 1762, then we left Hanover and came to Hingham that day shipped our goods on board the *Grayhound*, Courtney Babbidge, Commander, and we sailed that night about 10 o'clock. The 26 day we went on board. 30 we came to anchor and landed our cattle. 31 we landed our goods and took possession of our house in Harpswell the last day of May.” This house was on the lot now (1877) owned by Rev. Elijah Kellogg.

Ch. were: — *William*, b. 1737; *Charles*, b. 1739; *Mercy*, b. 1741; *Elijah*, b. 1744; *Isaac*, b. 1746; *Hannah*, b. 1748; *Deborah*, b. 1751; *Marlboro*, b. 1753, d. 1829; *Huldah*, b. 1755; *Barstow*, b. 1757; *Stephen*, b. 1759. The four ch. last named came to Harpswell with their parents. Some of the other ch. died young, and others, it is probable, settled somewhere in Mass.

Another branch of this family is found in Durham.

## TARR.

This family is probably descended from RICHARD TARR, of whom tradition states that he was born in the West of England about 1660, and settled in Marblehead soon after 1680, where he m. He had a son named *William*, who m. in 1708, and had several ch. He also had a nephew named William. Some of this family are known to have moved to Maine.

A WILLIAM TARR settled on Merriconeag Neck prior to 1753, and was probably the ancestor of those now living in this vicinity. He was probably a son of William named above, but the connection has not been traced. The earliest record of the family in the Harpswell town records is the following:—

CAPT. WILLIAM TARR m. a dau. of Josiah Clark of Harpswell. Ch. were:—*Richard*, b. 1783; *William*, b. 1785; *Catherine*, b. 1787; *Betsey*, b. 1790; *Mary*, b. 1793; *Clark*, b. 1795.

#### THOMPSON.

According to the family tradition three brothers of this name, BENJAMIN, THOMAS, and JAMES, came to this country from Ireland. Benjamin and James settled in York. Thomas, in 1718, settled in Biddeford.

JAMES THOMPSON, son of the James above mentioned, was b. in Kittery, Feb. 22, 1707. He came to Brunswick from Biddeford about the year 1739, and settled at New Meadows. He m. 1st, *Reliance* Hinkley, Apr. 13, 1732. She d. May 23, 1751. He m. 2d, Mrs. Lydia [Brown] Harris of Ipswich, Dec. 13, 1751. She d. Feb. 10, 1764. He m. 3d, Mary Higgins, Mch. 22, 1764. She d. May 23, 1790. He d. in Topsham, Sept. 22, 1791. Ch. by first wife:—*Elizabeth*, b. Mch. 13, 1733, m. Daniel Weed; *Samuel* (Biog.), b. Mch. 22, 1735, was brigadier-general in the Revolution; *James*, b. Feb. 7, 1737, d. in infancy; *Reliance*, b. June 27, 1738, m. James Edgecomb; *Adrian*, b. Mch. 29, 1740; *Rachel*, b. June 3, 1741, m. James Curtis; *Ruth*, b. May 27, 1743, m. Daniel Curtis; *Aaron*, b. May 29, 1745, sailed for Ireland at age of 22, and never heard from; *Isaiah*, b. April 17, 1747; *James*, b. May 22, 1750. Ch. by second wife were:—*Benjamin*, b. Oct. 26, 1753; *Jemima*, b. Oct. 18, 1755, m. John Ham, son of Tobias Ham; *Ezekiel*, b. Sept. 16, 1757, m. Priscilla Purinton, of Harpswell; *Sarah*, b. Sept. 16, 1760, m. Theophilus Hinkley; *Ruth* and *Rachel*, b. Dec. 29, 1763; *Rachel* d. in infancy; *Ruth* m. Robert, son of her father's brother, Cornelius Thompson.

By reference to the list of early settlers in the Appendix, it will be seen that there were several others of the Thompson family who settled at New Meadows in the same year. They were probably either brothers or cousins. James and Cornelius were brothers.

ALEXANDER THOMPSON was b. at Arundel Aug. 27, 1757; m. Lydia Wildes, of Arundel, April 8, 1784. Moved to Topsham in 1785. He d. Feb. 23, 1820, she d. April 8, 1864. Ch. were:—*Jane*, b. Nov. 7, 1785, m. Maj. Nathaniel Walker; *Eunice*, b. March 17, 1788, m. Gen. John Wilson; *Lydia*, b. April 17, 1790, m. Elias Pierce; *Hannah*, b. June 1, 1792, m. Calvin Fairbanks; *John*, b. Aug. 11, 1794, m. Mary Mustard; *Alpheus B.*, b. Jan. 24, 1797, m. at Santa Barbara, Francisca Carrillo; *Mary*, b. Apr. 9, 1799, single; *Wildes T.*, b. March 20, 1801, m. Wealthy Robinson; *Dacey W.*, b. May 2, 1803, m. Sarah E. Purinton; *Francis A.*, b. June 27, 1807, m. at Bath.

There are other branches of the family in Topsham and Brunswick of which no account has been furnished us.

#### TOOTHAKER.

Tradition says the Toothakers were originally *Whitakers*, and that, upon coming to this country, they changed their name in order to avoid being im-

pressed into the British service, they having fled from England, probably on account of religious persecution.

The earliest of the name in this vicinity of whom there is any record were EBENEZER, SETH, and ANDREW, who settled in Harpswell about 1737 or 1740. No record of their children has been found. The following, from the Harpswell town records, are the earliest records of this family which we have seen:—

GIDEON TOOTHAKER, m. Abigail ———. Ch. were:— *Andrew*, b. April 10, 1776; *Abigail*, b. Nov. 22, 1779; *William Rodick*, b. Feb. 19, 1782.

ABRAM TOOTHAKER, m. Mary ———. Ch. were:— *Alexander*, b. Sept. 7, 1771; *Abram*, b. March 16, 1774; *Elizabeth*, b. July 14, 1777; *Rebecca*, b. June 3, 1783; *Isaac*, b. Aug. 22, 1785 (the foregoing b. in Harpswell); *Rebecca*, b. in Brunswick, May 2, 1789; *Jenny*, b. June 19, 1792.

#### VEAZIE.

This family is *probably* descended from WILLIAM VEAZIE, who was of Braintree in 1643. There was, however, a GEORGE VEAZIE in Dover in 1659. Rev. SAMUEL VEAZIE came to Harpswell from Nantasket, near Boston, in 1767. He purchased a lot of land on Great Island, adjoining the old meeting-house, cleared it, and built a house upon it. He m. 1st, Deborah Sampson; and 2d, Sarah Jones. He had ch. by 1st wife:— *John*, who settled in Portland and was father of Gen. Samuel Veazie of Topsham; *Samuel*, settled in Harpswell; *Rebecca*, m. Jonathan Holbrook; *Deborah*, m. Robert Jordan. By 2d wife, he had two ch., both of whom died young.

#### WALKER.

The first Anglo-American ancestor of this family has not been, and probably cannot be, determined with certainty. There is, however, little doubt that the family is of English origin. JOHN WALKER was admitted a freeman of Mass., Apr. 4, 1634, and AUGUSTINE WALKER in 1641; both settled in Charlestown.

CAPT. RICHARD WALKER was one of the first settlers of Lynn in 1630; admitted as a freeman in 1634.

JOHN WALKER, the ancestor of the Walkers of Topsham, was b. in Newington, N. H., in 1692. June 1, 1717, he bought what was known in 1845 as the "Walker Field" in Kittery, where he afterwards resided. He m. Oct. 21, 1717, Mary, dau. of John Bickford, of Newington. He d. June 3, 1743.

GIDEON WALKER, son of John, of Newington, was born in Kittery, Oct. 12, 1719. He was apprenticed to a tanner in Rowley, Mass. He m. 1st, Hannah Palmer of Rowley, Feb. 3, 1741; and 2d, Mrs. Hannah Lossell. In 1741 his father bought him a homestead in Arundel (Kennebunkport), where he moved with his first wife in 1745.

GIDEON WALKER, son of Gideon, of Arundel, was b. in Arundel, July 8, 1751. He m. Mary, dau. of Thomas Perkins, of that town, Nov. 2, 1777. She was b. Jan. 16, 1758, and d. Mch. 1, 1845. He moved to Topsham, Dec. 3, 1789, and d. there May 5, 1828. Ch. were:— *Hannah*, b. Jan. 2, 1780, m. 1st, James Stone, 1797, and 2d, Johnson Wilson; *Nathaniel* (Biog.), b. Sept. 25, 1781, and d. Aug. 17, 1851; *Lucy*, b. June 29, 1786, d. Dec. 19, 1802; *Susanna*, b.



Mch. 29, 1792, d. June 27, 1852, m. Samuel Veazie; two ch., who died in infancy.

## WEBBER.

No account of this family has been found of an earlier date than 1738, when WAITT WEBBER settled on Merriconeag Neck. No record of his ch. has been found, but *Josiah*, *David*, and *Daniel* were probably his sons.

JOSIAH WEBBER had ch.: — *Elizabeth*, b. 1750; *Sarah*, b. 1751; *Patience*, b. 1753; *Josiah*, b. 1754; *Abigail*, b. 1757.

DAVID WEBBER had ch.: — *Richard*, b. 1769; *Charles*, b. 1772; *Susanna*, b. 1775; *Eleanor*, b. 1777; *Jeremiah*, b. 1779; *David*, b. 1781; *Phinehas*, b. 1784; *Mercy*, b. 1786; *Jane*, b. 1790; *Lucy*, b. 1793.

DANIEL WEBBER had ch.: — *Joseph*, b. 1763; *Hannah*, b. 1766; *Daniel*, b. 1768; *Deborah*, b. 1770; *William*, b. 1772; *Martha*, b. 1774; *Waitstill*, b. 1779; *Abigail*, b. 1781; *James*, b. 1784; *Robert*, b. 1786; *Patience*, b. 1789; *Betsey*, b. 1792; *Martha*, b. 1796.

## WESTON.

The ancestor of this family was EDMUND WESTON, who came in the *William and Ann*, from London to Boston in 1635, and settled in Duxbury.

JACOB WESTON came from Duxbury, Mass., to Brunswick in 1783 or 1784, and bought the house at New Meadows which had been occupied by Dr. Duncan, and still earlier by Gideon Hinkley. Mr. Weston was a shipwright by trade. He built a number of vessels and sailed in some of them himself. He was also a house-joiner, and there are specimens of his handiwork still remaining in the eastern section of the town. He m. (it is thought) Alice Southworth, 1784. No record of his ch. has been furnished us, and we are not positive that he m. as above stated.

## WHITE.

Several persons of this name came from England at different times in the seventeenth century and settled in different places.

WILLIAM WHITE, with his wife and five ch., came over in the *Mayflower* in 1620. Another WHITE came from England and landed at Ipswich in 1635. The first of the name in this vicinity was SAMUEL WHITE, who between 1717 and 1722 took up a lot in Topsham (the sixth above John Merrill's). He, however, forfeited his lot and it passed into other hands, and no record has been found of his having taken up another.

HUGH WHITE settled at Middle Bay, in Brunswick, in 1739. His wife's name was Jane. Ch. were: — *John*, b. Oct. 14, 1738; *Martha*, b. Oct. 3, 1740; *Jean*, b. Dec. 23, 1742; *David*, b. April 23, 1745; *Mary*, b. Sept. 2, 1747; *Hugh*, b. Sept. 2, 1749.

The first of the name in Topsham to whom reference has been found was DEACON ELIJAH WHITE, who was b. July, 1761, and d. Oct. 16, 1854. Ch. were: — *Polly*, b. Sept. 7, 1788; *Elijah*, b. Dec. 31, 1791; *Judah*, b. Sept. 16, 1793; *Jane*, b. Oct. 28, 1795; *William*, b. Aug. 26, 1797; *Sally*, b. Oct. 27, 1799; *Joseph*, b. Dec. 19, 1801; *Doretha*, b. Dec. 12, 1803.

GEORGE WHITE, of Topsham, had his intention of marriage to Lucy Thorne, of Topsham, recorded Oct. 19, 1771. No record of their ch. has been found.

## WHITNEY.

It is probable that most, if not all, of the families of this name, in New England at least, are descendants of JOHN and ELINOR WHITNEY, of Watertown, who came over from Ipswich, England, in the *Elizabeth and Ann* in 1635.

SAMUEL WHITNEY settled at New Meadows in 1739. His house stood opposite the Cornelius Thompson house, which is still standing a short distance west from Harding's Station. He was a deacon of the old Congregational Church. His wife's name was Lydia. Ch. were:—*Samuel*, b. Sept. 15, 1732; *Jonathan*, b. Dec. 21, 1734; *Lydia*, b. Feb. 20, 1735; *Susannah*, b. July 25, 1738; *Lettis*, b. June 27, 1742.

JOHN WHITNEY, probably brother of Samuel, also settled at New Meadows in 1739. His wife's name was Lettis. They had *Benjamin*, b. May 22, 1725, and perhaps other ch.

## WHITTEN.

The name of the Anglo-American ancestor of this family has not been ascertained.

JOHN WHITTEN, the first of the name to settle in this vicinity, was b. in Arundel in 1734, and m. Hannah Walker of that place. He came to Topsham about 1764, and settled in the western part of the town, above John Merrill's. He d. in 1802. Ch. were:—*Moses*, who d. at West Point during the Revolution; *John*, b. Dec. 14, 1758; *Hannah*, b. April 20, 1761; *Ruth*, b. March 12, 1763; *Molly*, b. Jan. 18, 17—; *Joshua*, b. Oct. 28, 1768; *Samuel*, b. Mch. 8, 1771; *Joseph*, b. July 28, 1774; *Sarah*, b. Aug. 26, 1776; *Eleanor*, b. Feb. 22, 1779.

## WILSON.

Among the early settlers of Topsham were HUGH, SAMUEL, ROBERT, WILLIAM, and THOMAS WILSON; and an ALEXANDER WILSON settled at Harpswell. Hugh, Samuel, Robert, William, and Alexander were probably brothers. Thomas, according to family tradition, was of no relation to the others of the name.

A JAMES WILSON is called<sup>1</sup> the father of *Hugh*, and so was probably father of *Robert*, *Samuel*, *William*, *Alexander*, and *Jane*, who m. William Alexander of Topsham, afterwards of Harpswell.

HUGH WILSON, son of James, was b. about 1729. About 1763 he bought 100 acres of land at Cathance. He had his leg broken among the logs on the eastern branch of the Cathance. An amputation was made by a physician from Casco (Portland), but he did not long survive the operation. He m. Elizabeth Hewey, who survived him and m. Timothy Weymouth. Ch. were:—*Hugh*; *James*, who d. s. in 1786; *William*, who m. Sarah Chase; *Betsey*, who m. Jessie Davis, of Lisbon; *Martha*, who m. Ebenezer Farrin.

SAMUEL WILSON m. 1st, Mary Reed; and 2d, Elizabeth [Snow] Holbrook. He was licensed as an innholder at Topsham, by the Court of Sessions for Lincoln County, in Oct. 1762, and for each successive year down to Sept. 1766,

<sup>1</sup> *Lin. Reg. Deeds, Lib. 1, p. 262.*

when his last license was granted. He removed to Lisbon prior to 1790, and lived and d. on the farm owned in 1835 by Charles Thompson. Ch. by first wife were: — *Hannah*, b. Oct. 27, 1762; *James*, b. July 2, 1764; *Susannah*, b. May 18, 1766; *John*, and *William*. No ch. by second wife.

*WILLIAM WILSON* settled in Topsham; m. a Larrabee. Ch. were: — *William*; *John*; *Samuel*; *Elizabeth*; *Isabella*; *Hannah*.

*ALEXANDER WILSON* m. Catharine, dau. of Robert Swanzey. Settled on Merriconeag Neck (Harpwell). She d. 1764, aged 37. Ch. were: — *James*, b. 1747, d. 1838; *Mary*, b. 1749; *Elizabeth*, b. 1751; *David*, b. 1754; *Esther*, b. 1756; *Jennet*, b. 1757; *Alexander*, b. 1759; *Swanzey*, b. 1761; *Catherine*, b. 1763.

*THOMAS WILSON*, of different parentage from the foregoing, came to this country from Ireland when a boy. He m. Ann Cochran of Londonderry, N. H. Settled in Topsham in 1752. Ch. were: — *William*, b. in Boston in 1741, m. Mary Patten of Arundel in 1769; *James*, b. 1744; *Thomas*, who went to sea and was never heard from, said to have been a Tory; *Lettice*, m. a Martin, of Brunswick; *Margaret*, who m. 1st, John Hunter, and 2d, Alexander Rogers; *Mary*, who m. June 18, 1776, John Sandford; *Elizabeth*, who, in 1772, m. William Porterfield.

Mr. James Wilson, now residing in Topsham, and who was born in 1789, is a grandson of Thomas, Sr.

#### WINCHELL.

This name is, without doubt, of early Saxon origin. It signifies "an angle," and was probably derived from some Saxon town situated on the angle of a river. The name has been spelled in various ways, at different periods and in different countries. The earliest mention of the name as a proper appellation which has been found is Feb. 13, 1293, when ROBERT WINCHELSEY was elected Archbishop of Canterbury.

ROBERT WINCHELL was probably b. in the South of England, but perhaps in Wales. He was at Dorchester, Mass., as early as 1634, and removed to Windsor, Conn., about 1635.

SAMUEL WINCHELL, of the fourth generation from Robert, of Windsor, was b. at Windsor, Mch. 15, 1711; m. Sarah McNess of Harpswell, about 1738; d. Topsham, Feb. 4, 1783. He settled in Harpswell as early as 1738. His brother Ebenezer accompanied him, but subsequently returned and settled at Torrington, Conn. In 1740, Samuel removed to Topsham and settled near the Cathance Mills, of which he became one fourth owner. He was also owner of a large tract of land in the vicinity of the mills. He was a prominent man in the town, and must have been a man of considerable wealth. It is said "he kept the first public house, — not a tavern, — but his house was deemed the first in town, and for it strangers used to inquire." Ch. were: — *John*, b. in Harpswell, May 2, 1740; *Martha*, b. in Topsham, May 14, 1742, was published to Benjamin Barrens of Harpswell, in May or June, 1768, who was afterwards killed in Bowdoin by a falling tree; *Salome*, b. July 8, 1744; *Samuel*, b. Oct. 25, 1746, and *James*, were both drowned (though as only one body was found it was supposed the other person had been captured by the Indians); *Ebenezer*, b. May 15, 1749; *Ann*, unmarried; *Sarah*, b. in 1750, m. Arthur Hunter, Feb. 16, 1775; *Silence*, who m. James Purington, of Topsham,



Nov. 23, 1786; *Mary*, who m. John Given, Aug. 8, 1771; *Hannah*, b. in Topsham in 1759, d. there July 29, 1823, s.

## WOODSIDE.

REV. JAMES WOODSIDE, a clergyman of the Church of England, came to this country, with his son *William*, prior to 1719. He preached for a while to the church in Brunswick, but prior to 1726 he returned to England, leaving his son in Brunswick.

WILLIAM WOODSIDE, son of Rev. James Woodside, m. Ann Vincent, of Brunswick. He d. 1764. Ch. were:—*James*, b. July 18, 1727; *Vincent*, b. Sept. 25, 1729; *Anna*, b. Aug. 19, 1731; *William*, b. Oct. 11, 1733; *Mary*, b. Jan. 20, 1735; *Mary*, b. March 5, 1738; *Anthony*, b. May 23, 1740; *Jean*, b. May 14, 1742; *Sarah*, b. Jan. 13, 1744.

## WOODWARD.

SAMUEL WOODWARD settled in Brunswick, near Bunganock, in 1738. Nothing relative to his ancestry has been found.

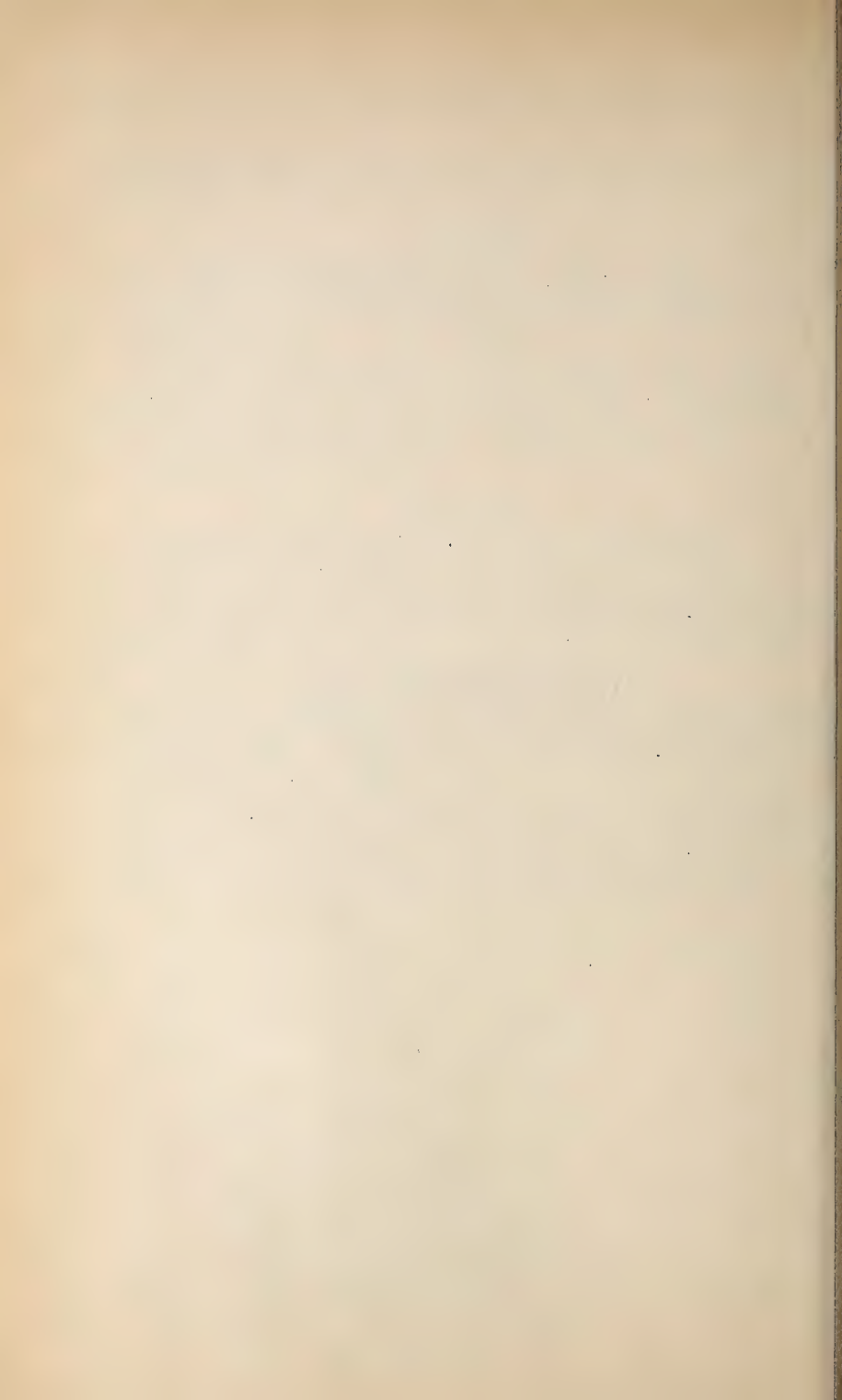
PETER WOODWARD settled at New Meadows about 1750, possibly earlier. His wife's name was Judith. Ch. were:—*Samuel*, b. Nov. 22, 1749; *Peggy*, b. April 7, 1751; *Ebenezer*, b. Feb. 28, 1755; *Peter*, b. Feb. 25, 1759; *Joseph*, b. Nov. 25, 1761.

## WYER.

This family is of Irish descent. The first of whom we have any account was WILLIAM WYER, of Boston, whose widow came to Harpswell in 1762, with her son *Robert* and daughter *Agnes*. The latter married James Barstow. The mother married Joseph Orr.

ROBERT WYER was b. in Boston, Apr. 22, 1754. Ch. were:—*Lettice*, b. May 27, 1777; *William*, b. Nov. 14, 1779; *David*, b. April 18, 1783; *James S.* b. Aug. 27, 1785; *Joseph*, b. March 27, 1788; *Margaret*, b. Aug. 5, 1790; *Mary*, b. March 17, 1793; *Jane E.*, b. Nov. 4, 1795; *Lucretia*, b. April 17, 1797.

## APPENDICES.





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A LARGE amount of interesting matter was collected for appendices, among which were ancient deeds, depositions, and other documents : a list of vessels built in the three towns ; a very full and complete list of the flora of this vicinity, etc. ; which, much to our regret, we are obliged to omit.

### APPENDIX I.

#### A LIST OF EARLY SETTLERS OR LAND-OWNERS IN BRUNSWICK.<sup>1</sup>

NAME.	YEAR.	LOCALITY.
Adams, John . . . . .	1737 . . . . .	New Meadows.
“ Nathan . . . . .	1737 . . . . .	do.
“ Thomas . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	West End.
Allen, Benoni . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	East End.
Anderson, Martin . . . . .	1789 . . . . .	Bunganock.
Andrews, Stephen . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	East End.
Aubens, Philip . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	do.
Austin, Benoni . . . . .	1737 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Baker, — . . . . .	1760 . . . . .	Lot 55.
Barrows, John . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	“ 31 & 32.
Bennett, Andrew . . . . .	— . . . . .	Head of Merriconeag.
Berry, Thomas . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Beverage, — . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	Lot 25.
Beverly, Abraham . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	—
“ James . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	—
Bisbee, Oliver . . . . .	prior to 1790 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Booker, John . . . . .	1737 . . . . .	do.
Bump, Josiah . . . . .	1742 . . . . .	—
Bunker, Benjamin . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	Head of Merriconeag.
Burrill, William . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Bury, Joseph . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
Casida, Charles . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Chase, Judah . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	West End.
Chesman, Samuel . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	—
Chismore, Jacob . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Clark, Robert, . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	West End.

<sup>1</sup> Compiled from *Pejepascot Records*, old deeds, and other sources. The date given is the earliest known.

NAME.	YEAR.	LOCALITY.
Clark, Samuel . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	Middle Bay.
Clough, <sup>1</sup> Samuel . . . . .	bet. 1717 & 1722 . . . . .	—
Cochran, John . . . . .	bet. 1717 & 1722 . . . . .	—
Coombs, Anthony . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
“ Caleb . . . . .	1752-7 . . . . .	do.
“ George . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
“ John . . . . .	1752-7 . . . . .	do.
“ Peter . . . . .	1730 . . . . .	do.
“ Samuel . . . . .	1752-7 . . . . .	do.
Cornish, Cipron . . . . .	1730 . . . . .	do.
“ Simon . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	—
Cotton, Thomas . . . . .	1752-7 . . . . .	East End.
Cowell, Thomas . . . . .	bet. 1717-1722 . . . . .	—
Curtis, — . . . . .	1760 . . . . .	—
Dodge, Phineas . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Doughty, David . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	East End.
Drisco, Joseph . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
“ Moses . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
Drummond, Patrick . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	—
Dunlap, Rev. Robert . . . . .	1747 . . . . .	Maquoit Road.
Dunning, Andrew . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	do.
“ David . . . . .	1730 . . . . .	—
“ James . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	West End.
“ Robert . . . . .	1722 . . . . .	—
“ William . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	Lots 26 & 27.
“ John . . . . .	1757 . . . . .	—
Eaton, Daniel . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	West End.
“ Jacob . . . . .	1737 . . . . .	New Meadows.
“ Samuel . . . . .	bet. 1717 & 1722 . . . . .	Village.
Elliot, James . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	West End.
Farrin, John . . . . .	1755 . . . . .	—
Finney, Robert . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	Lot 15.
Flemin, <sup>2</sup> Thomas . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	—
Fuller, <sup>2</sup> Joshua . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	—
Gardner, Isaac . . . . .	1745 . . . . .	Lot 47.
“ Richard . . . . .	bet. 1717 & 1722 . . . . .	“ 3.
Gatchell, John . . . . .	1736 . . . . .	New Meadows.
“ John, Jr. . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
“ Samuel . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
“ William . . . . .	1757 . . . . .	—
Graffam, Jacob . . . . .	1735 . . . . .	—
Gray, Joseph . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	East End.
“ Thomas . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	—
Gross, — . . . . .	1760 . . . . .	—
Gyles, John . . . . .	bet. 1717 & 1722 . . . . .	Lots 5 & 8.
Giveen, David . . . . .	1719 . . . . .	Middle Bay.
“ John . . . . .	1757 . . . . .	do.
“ Robert . . . . .	1757 . . . . .	do.
Goddard, Robert . . . . .	1771 . . . . .	Near Freeport Line.
Gowen, Lemuel . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	—

<sup>1</sup> Forfeited his title.<sup>2</sup> Lots forfeited.

NAME.	YEAR.	LOCALITY.
Hacker, —	1773	—
Haines, Peter . . . . . bet. 1717 & 1722		Lot 40.
Ham, Tobias . . . . .	1739	New Meadows.
Hamilton, Patrick . . . . .	1717	Lot 28.
“ Robert . . . . .	1717	“ 18.
“ Robert, Jr. . . . .	1717	“ 27.
Handsard, William . . . . .	1717	“ 2.
Harding, —	1760	—
Harwood, Benjamin . . . . .	1752-7	East End.
“ Edward . . . . .	1752-7	do.
Hewey, James . . . . .	1739	Middle Bay.
Hinckley, Aaron . . . . .	1739	New Meadows.
“ Ebenezer . . . . .	1757	do.
“ Edmund . . . . .	1739	do.
“ Edward . . . . .	1739	do.
“ Gideon . . . . .	1739	do.
“ Samuel (Deacon) . . . . .	1739	do.
“ Samuel, Jr. . . . .	1739	do.
“ Seth . . . . .	1739	do.
“ Shubael . . . . .	1739	do.
Hinney, Joseph . . . . .	1739	do.
How, Israel . . . . .	1732	Lot 9.
Hunt, John . . . . .	1752-7	West End.
Jenkins, David . . . . .	1752	New Meadows.
Jenkins, Philip . . . . .	1739	do.
Jones, Lemuel . . . . . about 1773		West End.
Jordan, James . . . . .	1739	New Meadows.
Jordan, John . . . . .	1739	do.
Larrabee, Benjamin . . . . . about 1727		Fort George.
“ Nathaniel . . . . .	1752	East End.
Lemont, — . . . . .	1738	New Meadows.
Low, — . . . . .	1722	—
Lumber, Sam'l . . . . .	1752	East End.
Malcom, John . . . . .	1728	Village.
“ William . . . . .	1737	—
Mariner, John . . . . .	1766	—
Martin, John . . . . .	1749	West End.
“ Thomas . . . . .	1749	do.
Mason, <sup>1</sup> Samuel . . . . .	1717	Lot 10.
McFarland, James . . . . .	1717	Village.
McGregor, Thomas . . . . .	1749	—
McKenny, Isaac . . . . .	1728	New Meadows.
McManus, James . . . . . about 1764		West End.
Melcher, Joseph . . . . . “ 1760		do.
“ Samuel . . . . . “ 1767		New Meadows.
Miles, Henry . . . . .	1717	Lot 7.
Minot, George . . . . .	1742	Mair Point.
“ Capt. John . . . . .	1730	do.
“ Thomas . . . . .	1757	—
Mitchell, Israel . . . . .	1728	New Meadows.
Morely, Rebecca . . . . .	1751	do. Non-resident.
Morse, Anthony . . . . . about 1775		West End.
“ Joseph . . . . . “ 1775		do.

<sup>1</sup> Lot forfeited.



NAME.	YEAR.	LOCALITY.
Nevers, Phineas . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	East End.
Norton, Rowland . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 4.
Norton, Caleb . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 4.
Noyes, Cutting . . . . .	about 1780 . . . . .	Village.
Orr, John . . . . .	1742 . . . . .	West End.
Parker, Benjamin . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	East End.
Pennell, Thomas . . . . .	1760 . . . . .	do.
Peterson, John . . . . .	1783 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Preble, Collins . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	East End.
Ring, Batcheldor . . . . .	1771 . . . . .	Near Durham line.
Ross, William, Jr. . . . .	1772 . . . . .	West End.
Savage <sup>1</sup> (the widow & son) . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lots 12 & 13.
" Nicholas . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	" 30 & 16.
Sayward, Jonathan . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	—
Skolfield, Clement & Richard . . . . .	1757 . . . . .	—
" Thomas . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	Lot 13.
Smart, John & Thomas . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	West End.
Smith, James . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lots 31 & 32, 16 & 17.
Smith, Joseph . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	Lot 55.
Snow, Elisha . . . . .	1757 . . . . .	—
" Isaac . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
" Isaac, Jr. . . . .	1757 . . . . .	—
Spear, Robert . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	Lots 16, 17, 20, 21 & 22.
" William . . . . .	1735 . . . . .	" 14, 15, 18 & 23.
Stanwood, Ebenezer . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	West End.
" William . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	Lot 19.
Starbird, John . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	" 50.
Stevenson, <sup>2</sup> James . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	" 1.
" <sup>2</sup> John . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	" 43.
" <sup>2</sup> Robert . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	" 42.
Stinson, James . . . . .	1721 . . . . .	" 1.
" John <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1721 . . . . .	" 5.
" Robert <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1721 . . . . .	" 6.
Stone, Benjamin . . . . .	1760 . . . . .	Village.
Stratton, Samuel . . . . .	— . . . . .	Lot 2.
Swett, John . . . . .	1788 . . . . .	—
Swift, Lemuel . . . . .	1790 . . . . .	Village.
Thompson, Alexander . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
" Benjamin . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
" Cornelius . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
" James . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
" Joseph . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
" Peter . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 6.
" Samuel . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Thornton, <sup>3</sup> James . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 46.
Tibbets, Samuel . . . . .	1757 . . . . .	—
Tibbets, Timothy . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Tregoweth, Thomas . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 9.
Trescott, — . . . . .	1722 . . . . .	—
Tyler, Alexander . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	—

<sup>1</sup> Forfeited.<sup>2</sup> Title forfeited.<sup>3</sup> He resigned it.

NAME.	YEAR.	LOCALITY.
Vincent, William . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	West End.
Washburn, Thomas . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Waterhouse, S. . . . .	1757 . . . . .	—
Watts, <sup>1</sup> John . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 1.
Wensley, <sup>2</sup> George . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	do.
Weston, Jacob . . . . .	1784 . . . . .	New Meadows.
White, Hugh . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	Middle Bay.
“ Samuel . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	New Meadows.
Whitney, John . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
“ Samuel . . . . .	1739 . . . . .	do.
Woodart, Peter . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	East End.
Woodman, P. . . . .	1739 . . . . .	—
Woodside, Rev. James . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Maquoit.
“ William . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	do.
“ Vincent . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	do.
Woodward, Samuel . . . . .	1734 . . . . .	Bunganoc.

## A LIST OF EARLY SETTLERS OR LAND-OWNERS IN TOPSHAM.

Addison, James . . . . .	before 1731 . . . . .	Lot 67.
Allen, Samuel . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	—
Alexander, J. . . . .	1738 . . . . .	—
“ Robert . . . . .	before 1768 . . . . .	—
“ William . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Cathance.
Ball (or Barr), Thomas . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lots 28, 29 & 80.
Baxter, Reverend Joseph . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 14, 15 & 16.
Bennett, Thomas . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 41 & 48.
Beveridge, James . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	“ 7.
Beveridge, Samuel . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	“ 3.
Beverly, James . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 40.
Bradley, John . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	—
Campbell, Alexander . . . . .	1741 . . . . .	Lot 37.
Carr, <sup>3</sup> Daniel . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lots 12 & 13.
Clapp, Stephen . . . . .	1768 . . . . .	N. W. part of town.
Clark, Samuel . . . . .	1737 . . . . .	Lots 13, 14, 15 & 16.
Corney (Captain) . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 45.
Crain, Richard . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 32, 33, & 69.
Danforth, Enoch . . . . .	— . . . . .	Lot 62.
Dennison, Joseph . . . . .	1768 . . . . .	“ 72.
Doar, James . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 77.
Dockley, Samuel . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 32.
Douglass, James . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	“ 52 & 53.
Drinkwater, George . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 52.
Drinkwater, <sup>4</sup> Warren . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 4.
Drummond, Alexander . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	Cathance.
Dunlap, John . . . . .	about 1738 . . . . .	Lot 60.
Dunlap, Robert . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 61.
Eaton <sup>5</sup> (Lieutenant) . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 2.
“ Daniel . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	—
“ Jacob . . . . .	1737 . . . . .	Lots 18, 23 & 24.

<sup>1</sup> Forfeited.    <sup>2</sup> Ibid.    <sup>3</sup> Occupied less than three years.    <sup>4</sup> Forfeited.    <sup>5</sup> Ibid.

NAME.	YEAR.	LOCALITY.
Elder, Robert . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lot 75.
Ellis, Rev. Jonathan. . . . .	1789 . . . . .	East End.
Evans, Alexander . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	—
“ John <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 28.
“ Joseph . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	—
Fulton, Gowen . . . . .	1749 . . . . .	Cathance.
“ James . . . . .	1751 . . . . .	Lot 74.
“ John . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	Cathance.
Gatchell, Stephen . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	—
Gates <sup>1</sup> (Captain) . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 9.
Gower, Robert . . . . .	1766 . . . . .	“ 50.
Graves, John . . . . .	1769 . . . . .	—
“ Johnson . . . . .	about 1764 . . . . .	—
“ Joseph . . . . .	about 1770 . . . . .	—
“ Samuel . . . . .	about 1770 . . . . .	—
Gyles (Doctor) . . . . .	1746 . . . . .	Lot 1.
“ John . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	do.
Haley, Joseph . . . . .	1768 . . . . .	Near Merrill's.
“ Pelatiah . . . . .	1761 . . . . .	Lot 67.
Hamilton, John . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 8.
Harper, James <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 34.
“ Joseph <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 32.
“ Moses . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 25.
“ William <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 31.
Heath, <sup>1</sup> Joseph . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 17.
Henry, James . . . . .	1763 . . . . .	East part of town.
Holman, John . . . . .	— . . . . .	N. W. part of town.
Hunter, Adam . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lots 30, 31, 34 & 35.
“ Andrew . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 34 & 35.
“ Isaac . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 37.
“ James <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 35 & 36.
“ John <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 38.
Ingram, Henry . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	—
Jack, Andrew . . . . .	about 1738 . . . . .	Lot 59.
“ Joseph . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	“ 59.
Jackson, Francis . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 54 & 56.
Johnson, John . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 51.
Johnson Robert . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 13.
Jones, <sup>1</sup> Phineas . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 2 & 37.
Jones, Stephen . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 58.
Jouxson, Thomas . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 74.
Kennedy, Andrew . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lots 16 & 43.
King, Edward . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 62.
Knowles, Richard . . . . .	1755 . . . . .	“ 8 & 9.
La Berry, David . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lots 39 & 55.
Lamoss, — (the widow) . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	—
Larrabee (Capt. B.) . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lot 11.
Lemont, Robert . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 44.
Lithgood (or Lithgow), Robert . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 20.



NAME.	YEAR.	LOCALITY.
MacFarland, James . . . . .	1717 to 1722 . . . . .	Lot 29, 30, 46, 47 & 71.
Mackcalling, — . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	" 6.
Malcom, John . . . . .	1717 to 1722 . . . . .	" 22 & 39.
Malcom, William . . . . .	about 1738 . . . . .	" 19, 20 & 21.
Mallett, John . . . . .	" 1738 . . . . .	Cathance.
Meins, Thomas . . . . .	1749 . . . . .	—
Merrill, John . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	Lots 64 & 68 & Island.
Merryman, Thomas . . . . .	before 1768 . . . . .	—
Merryman, Walter . . . . .	— . . . . .	Lots 44 & 45.
Miller, James, . . . . .	1717 to 1722 . . . . .	" 33.
Minney, Dr. Hugh . . . . .	1717 to 1722 . . . . .	" 9 & 24.
Minot, Stephen . . . . .	1769 . . . . .	" 2 A.
Moffitt, Archibald . . . . .	about 1738 . . . . .	—
Moffitt, John . . . . .	— . . . . .	Lots 48, 49, 50.
Morton, James . . . . .	— . . . . .	" 26 (Ministerial lot).
Mustard, James . . . . .	about 1763 . . . . .	Cathance.
" John . . . . .	— . . . . .	Lot 36.
" William . . . . .	1741 . . . . .	" 37.
Orr, Robert . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	—
Patten, Actor . . . . .	1760 . . . . .	Cathance.
" John . . . . .	1749 . . . . .	Near Little River.
" William . . . . .	1749 . . . . .	Cathance.
Pattison, John . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	—
Pattison, Thomas . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lot 40.
Potter, Alexander . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	Cathance.
" James . . . . .	about 1738 . . . . .	Lot 41.
" James, Jr. . . . .	1758 . . . . .	" 38 & Isl'd in Narrows.
" Joseph . . . . .	1768 . . . . .	West of Cathance R.
" Katheran . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	—
Prince, Benjamin . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lot 59.
Randall, Ezra . . . . .	1761 . . . . .	Lot 18.
Reed, David . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	East End.
" John . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	Lots 5 & 6.
" William . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	" 2, 3, 4, & 50.
" William, Jr. . . . .	1752 . . . . .	East End.
Robinson, Charles . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lots 12 & 47.
" Moses . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	" 12.
Rogers, John . . . . .	about 1768 . . . . .	East End.
Ross, John . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lot 70.
" James, <i>alias</i> Thomas . . . . .	1717 to 1722 . . . . .	" 18 & 19.
Spear, Robert . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lots 15 & 17.
" William . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	" 49.
Sprague, Francis . . . . .	1791 . . . . .	East End.
Springer, David . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	—
" Thomas . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	—
Stanwood, Samuel . . . . .	1746 . . . . .	Lots 24 & 25.
Staples, Samuel . . . . .	1768 . . . . .	" 65.
" Stephen . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	above Cathance Mills.
Stinson, William . . . . .	1717 to 1722 . . . . .	Lot 30.
Stoddiford, Ephraim . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	" 38.
Stuart, Charles . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	" 5 & 6.
Tailer (William?) . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lots 3 & 4.
Tarp, John . . . . .	1735 . . . . .	On Merrymeeting Bay.

NAME.	YEAR.	LOCALITY.
Thomas, Benjamin . . . . .	1755 . . . . .	Lots 28, 29, 42 to 45, 62, 63.
“ James . . . . .	1755 . . . . .	—
Thoms, William . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	Lot 6.
“ William, Jr. . . . .	1752 . . . . .	“ 10.
Thompson, Benjamin . . . . .	about 1738 . . . . .	“ 7.
“ Samuel . . . . .	1773 . . . . .	“ 48, 49, 52, 53.
Thorn, Thomas . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 17, 18, 23, 24, 53, 72.
“ William . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 22, 23, 63.
Vincent, <sup>1</sup> John . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 11.
“ William . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 10, 11, 73.
Walker, Gideon . . . . .	1789 . . . . .	Village.
Wall, Patrick . . . . .	1735 . . . . .	On Merrymeeting Bay.
Ward, William . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Lot 10.
Washburne, Thomas . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 60.
Watson, William . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 46.
Watts, Samuel . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 61.
White, Samuel . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 2 A.
Whitten, John . . . . .	1764 . . . . .	“ 66.
Wilson, Alexander . . . . .	— . . . . .	“ 56.
“ George <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 10 or 11.
“ Hugh . . . . .	1763 . . . . .	Cathance.
“ Robert . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	—
“ Samuel . . . . .	1763 . . . . .	—
“ Thomas . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	Lots 54, 55, 70, 71.
“ William . . . . .	1758 . . . . .	“ 56.
Winchell, Samuel . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	“ 7A.
Woodburn, George . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	“ 21.
Woodside (Captain) . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	“ 33 & 34.
Work, James . . . . .	about 1738 . . . . .	“ 27.
Wormegum, John . . . . .	— . . . . .	“ 51.
York, Samuel . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	Lot 26.
Young, John . . . . .	1717 . . . . .	—

## A LIST OF EARLY SETTLERS OR LAND-OWNERS IN HARPSWELL.

Adams, Nathan . . . . .	prior to 1755 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Allen, Elisha . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	Lot 46.
Babbidge, James . . . . .	about 1750 . . . . .	—
Bailey, Deacon Timothy . . . . .	about 1742 . . . . .	Bailey's Island.
Barnes, Nathaniel . . . . .	1735 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Barstow, James . . . . .	prior to 1777 . . . . .	Sebascodegan Island.
“ Samuel . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Booker, James . . . . .	1748 . . . . .	Harpswell Centre.
Boone, Samuel . . . . .	1720 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Brewer, James . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	do.
Byles, <sup>3</sup> Rev. Mathew . . . . .	1760 . . . . .	Orr's Island.
Cady, William . . . . .	1733 . . . . .	Sebascodegan Island.
Carman, Francis . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
“ Thomas . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	do.
Carter, John . . . . .	prior to 1755 . . . . .	Sebascodegan Island.

<sup>1</sup> Occupied less than three years.<sup>2</sup> Forfeited.<sup>3</sup> Probably not a resident.

NAME.	YEAR.	LOCALITY.
Cole, Nicholas . . . . .	1720 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Condy, William . . . . .	1733 . . . . .	Sebascodigan Island.
Conner, Gideon . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Cook, Elisha . . . . .	prior to 1748 . . . . .	Orr's Island.
Cook, Middlecott . . . . .	1748 . . . . .	do.
Coombs, John . . . . .	prior to 1740 . . . . .	Great Island.
Cromwell, <sup>1</sup> Joshua . . . . .	1737 . . . . .	do.
Curtis, David . . . . .	about 1744 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Denslow, Benjamin . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Douglass, Elijah . . . . .	1750 . . . . .	New Damariscove Island.
Dunning, Andrew . . . . .	1757 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Dyer, — . . . . .	1752 . . . . .	do.
Eaton, Rev. Elisha . . . . .	1754 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Farr, Thomas . . . . .	before 1775 . . . . .	—
Fayrweather, John . . . . .	1743 . . . . .	Orr's Island.
Fitzgerald, <sup>2</sup> — . . . . .	before 1748 . . . . .	Orr's Island.
Gatchell, Moses . . . . .	1731 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Gibson, <sup>3</sup> William . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	On William Orr's lot.
Haines, Samuel . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Hais, Richard . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	do.
Hall, Isaac . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	do.
“ Isaac, Jr. . . . .	1738 . . . . .	do.
“ John . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	do.
“ Nathaniel . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	do.
Harmon, Colonel Johnson . . . . .	1727 . . . . .	do.
“ Joseph . . . . .	1741 . . . . .	do.
Hasey, William . . . . .	prior to 1755 . . . . .	Sebascodigan Island.
Hinkley, A. . . . .	1747 . . . . .	do.
“ Samuel . . . . .	1747 . . . . .	do.
Holbrook, Jonathan . . . . .	prior to 1770 . . . . .	—
Jaques, Richard . . . . .	1727 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Kenney, Elisha . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	do.
Leavitt, Daniel . . . . .	prior to 1755 . . . . .	Sebascodigan Island.
Lewis, Job . . . . .	1743 . . . . .	Orr's Island.
Lindsay, John . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Linscott, Joseph . . . . .	prior to 1755 . . . . .	Sebascodigan Island.
McGregor, Thomas . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
McNess, William . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	do.
Madbury, Theophilus . . . . .	prior to 1747 . . . . .	—
Magray, William . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	On Norton Stover place.
Mathews John . . . . .	1740 . . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Melone, Edward . . . . .	1738 . . . . .	do.
Merriman, Walter . . . . .	prior to 1776 . . . . .	do.
Moulton, Job . . . . .	1728 . . . . .	Sebascodigan Island.

<sup>1</sup> Vacated in 1742.<sup>2</sup> Traditional.<sup>3</sup> Died alone in a camp in the field. Pejepscot Papers.



NAME.	YEAR.	LOCALITY.
Negro, A . . . . .	1752 . . . .	Lot 36.
Orr, <sup>1</sup> Clement . . . . .	1742 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
“ Clement, Jr. <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1742 . . . .	do.
“ John <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	1742 . . . .	do.
“ Joseph <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	1742 . . . .	do.
Pinkham, . . . . .	1752 . . . .	Lots 37, 38, 40.
Purinton, David . . . . .	bet. 1720 & 1755 . . . .	Sebasco digan Island.
“ Nathaniel . . . . .	1760 . . . .	do.
Quingham, Edward . . . . .	1740 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Rankin, James . . . . .	prior to 1747 . . . .	Sebasco digan Island.
Raymond, Paul . . . . .	“ “ 1770 . . . .	do.
Rich, Isaac . . . . .	1797 . . . .	do.
Ridley, James . . . . .	about 1757 . . . .	do.
Ross, John . . . . .	prior to 1747 . . . .	do.
“ John, Jr. . . . .	1740 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Searl, John . . . . .	1738 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Sinnett, Michael . . . . .	before 1775 . . . .	Orr's Island.
Small, Taylor, . . . . .	“ 1755 . . . .	Sebasco digan Island.
Smith, James . . . . .	1735 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Snow, Elisha . . . . .	1766 . . . .	Several small islands.
“ Isaac . . . . .	before 1747 . . . .	Sebasco digan Island.
“ John . . . . .	“ 1771 . . . .	Long Island.
Starbird, Richard . . . . .	“ 1755 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Stover, John . . . . .	1727 . . . .	do.
Sylvester, William . . . . .	1762 . . . .	do.
Tailer, William . . . . .	1748 . . . .	Orr's Island.
Tarr, William. . . . .	prior to 1753 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Thomas, William W. . . . .	1738 . . . .	do.
Thompson, Joseph . . . . .	1747 . . . .	Sebasco digan Island.
Tibbetts, Timothy . . . . .	before 1755 . . . .	“ “
Toothaker, Andrew . . . . .	1737 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
“ Ebenezer . . . . .	1740 . . . .	do.
“ Seth . . . . .	1740 . . . .	do.
Veazie, Rev. Samuel . . . . .	1767 . . . .	Sebasco digan Island.
Warren. — . . . . .	1752 . . . .	Lot 47.
Watts. — . . . . .	1752 . . . .	“ 48.
Weyber, Wait . . . . .	1738 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Weeks — . . . . .	prior to 1747 . . . .	Sebasco digan Island.
Whelan — . . . . .	1752 . . . .	Lot 33.
Willson, Alexander . . . . .	1747 . . . .	“ 32.
Winchell, Samuel . . . . .	1740 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.
Wyer, Mrs. William . . . . .	1762 . . . .	Orr's Island.
Young, Abijah . . . . .	prior to 1755 . . . .	Merriconeag Neck.

<sup>1</sup> Removed to Orr's Island about 1748.<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*<sup>3</sup> Removed to Brunswick about 1742.<sup>4</sup> Removed to Orr's Island about 1748.

## APPENDIX II.

A LIST OF THE SOLDIERS FROM BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM IN  
THE SEVERAL INDIAN WARS.<sup>1</sup>

1723 and 1724.

JOHN GILES'S COMPANY.

NAME.	TIME OF SERVICE.	REMARKS.
Beverlin, James . . . . .	1723 — 3 weeks, 2 days . .	—
Bradbury, Wyman . . . . .	1723 — 11 " 2 " . .	—
Cochran, James . . . . .	1723-4 — 37 " . .	Son of John.
" John . . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	(Ireland.)
" William <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1723-4 — 37 " . .	"
Cowell, Thomas, gunner . . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	(Boston.)
Dunning, Andrew . . . . .	1723-4 — 37 " . .	(Ireland.)
" Andrew, Jr. <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	"
" David <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1723-4 — 25 " 5 " . .	(Ireland.) Andrew's son.
" Robert <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1723-4 — 22 " 1 " . .	—
Eaton, Samuel, Serg't. . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	(Salisbury.) Prom. to lieut. in 1724.
" Thomas . . . . .	1724 — 47 " — . .	(Salisbury.)
Gardiner, Isaac, Lieut. . . . .	1723 — 20 " . .	—
Giles, John, Capt. . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	(Salisbury.)
Harper, James, clerk . . . . .	1723-4 — 31 " 2 " . .	(Ireland.)
" John <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	"
" Moses . . . . .	1723-4 — 64 " 4 " . .	Prom. to clerk.
" William . . . . .	1723 — 22 " 1 " . .	—
Lithgow, <sup>2</sup> Robert . . . . .	1723-4 — 65 " 6 " . .	—
McBride, James . . . . .	1724 — 40 " 3 " . .	(Ireland.)
McCluer, <sup>2</sup> David . . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	Capt.'s servant.
Malcom, John . . . . .	1723-4 — 56 " 6 " . .	—
Mitchell, Henry . . . . .	1723-4 — 37 " — . .	(Ireland.)
" Hugh . . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	"
Norton, <sup>2</sup> Rowland, drummer . . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	(Salisbury.)
Stanwood, Ebenezer . . . . .	1723 — 4 " 4 " . .	—
Stevenson, James . . . . .	1723-4 — 37 " — . .	(Ireland.) The
" James, Jr. <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	name is Stinson in one roll.
" William . . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	The last was
" William, Jr. <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1723-4 — 69 " 1 " . .	son of James.
Tregoweth, Thomas } (written Frigoath), }	Serg't 1723 — 22 " 1 " . .	—
Wells, Luke . . . . .	1724 — 12 " 2 " . .	(Amesbury.)

<sup>1</sup> From Rolls in Massachusetts archives and other sources.<sup>2</sup> Detailed for duty under Col. Westbrook's order.

1727.

## WILLIAM WOODSIDE'S COMPANY.

NAME.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	PAY.
Bennet, Andrew . . . . .	33 weeks, 4 days . .	30s. per m.
“ Peter . . . . .	52 “ 3 “ . .	“ “
Brown, John . . . . .	48 “ 4 “ . .	50s. “
(Had care of a Province gun.)		
Burnett, John . . . . .	52 “ 3 “ . .	30s. “
Demy, Owen . . . . .	52 “ 3 “ . .	“ “
Dunning, James . . . . .	3 “ 6 “ . .	“ “
Eaton, Samuel, Lieut. . . . .	29 “ 8 “ . .	38 to 45s. “
Eaton, Samuel (Sentinel) . . . . .	22 “ 2 “ . .	30s. “
Fitzgerald, Maurice . . . . .	27 “ . .	“ “
Frazier, Thomas . . . . .	52 “ 3 “ . .	“ “
Grimes, Thomas . . . . .	52 “ 3 “ . .	“ “
Haynes, Daniel . . . . .	32 “ 5 “ . .	50s. “
(Had care of a Province gun.)		
Lindsey, John . . . . .	52 “ 3 “ . .	30s. “
Lithgow, Robert . . . . .	52 “ 3 “ . .	“ “
McCoshlin, James . . . . .	19 “ 5 “ . .	“ “
McFarlan, Samuel . . . . .	23 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Noble, Arthur, Lieut. . . . .	22 “ 2 “ . .	45s. “
Simpson, James . . . . .	31 “ 6 “ . .	30s. “
Spear, Robert . . . . .	18 “ 6 “ . .	“ “
Stevenson, William . . . . .	52 “ 3 “ . .	“ “
Wells, Luke . . . . .	52 “ 3 “ . .	“ “
Woodside, William, Capt. . . . .	52 “ 3 “ . .	£4 “

[1730.

## BENJAMIN LARRABEE'S COMPANY.

		TOTAL PAY.]
Barick, Robert . . . . .	19 weeks, 2 days . .	£12 17s. 2d.
Bradbury, Wyman, Lieut. . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Cassiday, Charles . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Eaton, Jacob . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
“ Samuel . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Frazier, Thomas . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Lane, Thomas . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Larrabee, Benjamin, Capt. . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	£19 5s. 8d.
“ William . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	£12 17s. 2d.
Lithgo, Robert, gunner . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
McGregor, Thomas . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Pompey (Capt.'s negro servant) . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Robinson, Nahum . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Sergeant, David, Corp. . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Washburn, Thomas . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “
Wells, Luke . . . . .	19 “ 2 “ . .	“ “

1735-1748.

## BENJAMIN LARRABEE'S COMPANY.

	YEAR.		PAY.
Allen, Daniel . . . . .	1740-2 —	23 weeks, 5 days . .	40s. per m.
Austin, John . . . . .	1748 —	11 “ — . .	31s. 3d. “
Barrick, Robert . . . . .	1735-7 —	79 “ 5 “ . .	40s. “
Bradbury, Wyman, Lieut. . . . .	1735-7 —	85 “ 1 “ . .	53s. 4d. “
Bridges, Daniel . . . . .	1739-42 —	107 “ 5 “ . .	40s. “



NAME.	YEAR.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	PAY.
Briggs, Josiah . . . . .	1748	— 11 weeks, —	. . 31s. 3d. per m.
Boyd, James . . . . .	1748	— 26 “ —	. . “ “
Cassiday, Charles . . . . .	1735-7	— 47 “ 4	. . 40s. “
Coney, Philip . . . . .	1748	— 11 “ —	. . 31s. 3d. “
Eaton, Jacob . . . . .	1735-40	— 157 “ 2	. . 40s. “
Eaton, <sup>1</sup> Samuel . . . . .	1735-42	— 239 “ 3	. . “ “
Frazier, Thomas . . . . .	1735 7	— 85 “ 1	. . “ “
Haynes, Samuel . . . . .	1742	— 27 “ 2	. . “ “
Hayward, George . . . . .	1748	— 37 “ —	. . 31s. 3d. “
Herring, John . . . . .	1748	— 36 “ 1	. . “ “
Hinckley, Aaron, Lieut. . . . .	1748	— 37 “ —	. . 47s. 6d. “
Holmes, Nathaniel . . . . .	1748	— 37 “ —	. . 31s. 3d. “
Jack, Joseph . . . . .	1748	— 37 “ —	. . “ “
Jelson, Benjamin . . . . .	1742	— 21 “ 2	. . 40s. “
Jordan, Joseph . . . . .	1748	— 11 “ —	. . 31s. 3d. “
Joseph (Indian Scout) . . . . .	1739-40	— 62 “ 1	. . 13s. 4d. “
Lane, Thomas . . . . .	1735-42	— 241 “ 4	. . 40s. “
Larrabee, Benj., Capt. . . . .	1735-48	— 329 “ 5	. . £4 “
“ Benj., drummer . . . . .	1748	— 11 “ —	. . 31s. “
“ Nathaniel . . . . .	1736-48	— 184 “ 5	. . 31 to 40s. “
“ William . . . . .	1735-37	— 75 “ 1	. . 40s. “
Lithgow, Robert . . . . .	1735-37	— 85 “ 1	. . “ “
McGregor, Thomas . . . . .	1735	— 33 “ —	. . “ “
Martain, John . . . . .	1742	— 25 “ 6	. . “ “
Moffitt, Samuel . . . . .	1748	— 37 “ —	. . 31s 3d. “
Patten, William . . . . .	1735	— 24 “ —	. . 40s. “
Potter, Alexander . . . . .	1735	— 7 “ 1	. . “ “
Pompey (negro servant) . . . . .	1735-48	— 290 “ 3	. . “ “
Robinson, Nahum . . . . .	1735-37	— 85 “ 1	. . “ “
Rutliss, Robert . . . . .	1740-2	— 10 “ 1	. . “ “
Sergeant, David, Corp. . . . .	1735-48	— 297 “ 4	. . “ “
Smith, John . . . . .	1735	— 10 “ —	. . “ “
Smith, Eben . . . . .	1739-42	— 73 “ 3	. . “ “
Stoddard, Thomas . . . . .	1748	— 37 “ —	. . 31s. 3d. “
Washburne, Thomas . . . . .	1735-37	— 85 “ 1	. . 40s. “
Wedge, Joshua . . . . .	1737	— 18 “ 4	. . 13s. 4d. “
Wells, Luke . . . . .	1735-42	— 293 “ 6	. . 40s. “
Willson, Robert . . . . .	1748	— 37 “ —	. . 31s. 3d. “
“ William . . . . .	1748	— 11 “ —	. . “ “
Wooden, James . . . . .	1748	— 37 “ —	. . “ “

## 1746.

## WILLIAM BURNS'S COMPANY.

Andrews, Isaac . . . . .	16 weeks, 5 days	. . 31s. 3d. per mo.
Black, Enos . . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 31s. 3d. “
Burns, William, Capt. . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 62s. 6d. “
Chase, Judah . . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 31s. 3d. “
Clough, Isaac . . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 31s. 3d. “
Dunning, David, Lieut. . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 47s. 6d. “
“ Robert, Corp. . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 40s. 10d. “
Genneys, William . . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 31s. 3d. “
Hunter, Adam, clerk . . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 41s. 3d. “
Jackman, John . . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 31s. 3d. “
Lumbar, Parker . . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 31s. 3d. “
Lumbard, Samuel . . . . .	16 “ 5 “	. . 31s 3d. “

<sup>1</sup> Died in 1742.

NAME.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	PAY.
McNeal, Richard . . . . .	16 weeks, 5 days . . .	31s. 3d. per mo.
Malcom, William . . . . .	16 " 5 " . . .	31s. 3d. "
Mustard, James . . . . .	16 " 5 " . . .	31s. 3d. "
Pagenot, Samuel . . . . .	16 " 5 " . . .	31s. 3d. "
Perry, Richard . . . . .	10 " 6 " . . .	31s. 3d. "
Preble, Joseph . . . . .	16 " 5 " . . .	31s. 3d. "
Reed, John, Corp. . . . .	16 " 5 " . . .	40s. 10d. "
Spear, William . . . . .	16 " 5 " . . .	31s. 3d. "
Warrack, Benjamin, Corp. . . . .	16 " 5 " . . .	40s. 10d. "
Weed, Jonathan . . . . .	16 " 5 " . . .	31s. 3d. "
Wickwash, Sylvanus . . . . .	16 " 5 " . . .	31s. 3d. "
Winston, James . . . . .	16 " 5 " . . .	31s. 3d. "
Wood, John . . . . .	6 " 5 " . . .	31s. 3d. "

## 1756-1757.

## SAMUEL MOODY'S COMPANY.

Harwood, George . . . . .	48 weeks, — days . . .	24s. per m.
Moody, Joshua . . . . .	48 " — " . . .	24s. "
" Samuel, Capt. . . . .	18 " 2 " . . .	£4 "
" Samuel, Sergt. . . . .	47 " 6 " . . .	£1 10s. "
" Samuel, Jr. . . . .	48 " — " . . .	24s. "
" William, Capt.'s servant . . . . .	48 " — " . . .	

## 1735-1749.

## OTHER SOLDIERS.—

Dunlap, Jonathan.	Lindsey, Samuel.	Stanwood, Samuel.
" Robert.	Morburn, Capt.	" William.
Jaquith, Richard.	Stanwood, David.	Vincent (Ensign), Wm.
Jordan, —		

CAPTAIN JOHN GETCHELL'S COMPANY.<sup>2</sup>

## 1757.

Adams, Thomas.	Giveen, William.	Skolfield, Clement.
Andrews, Stephen.	Gray, Thomas.	" Richard.
Carney, Michael.	Hacket, John.	Smart, John.
Chase, Judah.	Ham, Tobias.	" Thomas.
Clark, Samuel, Jr.	Hicks, Barnabas.	Smith, Joseph.
Coombs, Caleb.	Hinkley, Ebenezer.	Snow, Elisha.
" George.	" Edmund.	" Isaac.
" Samuel.	Howard, Edward.	" Isaac, Jr.
Dunlap, John.	Jenkins, David.	Spear, Robert.
Dunning, Andrew.	Jordan, John (Ensign).	Standwood, Ebn'r (Lieut.)
" James.	Larrabee, Benjamin.	Thompson, Alexander.
" John.	Maher, Michael.	" Cornelius.
" Robert.	Martin, John.	" James.
Elliott, Adam.	" John, Jr.	" Samuel.
" James.	Minot, Thomas.	Tibbetts, Samuel.
Getchell, John, Jr.	Moorey, Ezekiel.	Whitney, Jonathan.
" William.	Simpson, William, Jr.	Woodard, Peter.
Giveen, Robert.		

<sup>1</sup> From traditionary sources.<sup>2</sup> From Rolls in Massachusetts archives.

## CAPTAIN DAVID DUNNING'S "ALARM" LIST.

Clark, Samuel.	Skolfield, Thomas.
Coombs, Peter, Jr.	Spear, William.
Giveen, John (Ensign).	Standwood, William.
Gray, Joseph.	Thompson, Capt. James.
Hinkley, Aaron.	Vincent, William.
Larrabee, Nathaniel (Ensign).	Whitney, Deacon Samuel.
Lumber, Samuel.	Woodside, Vincent.
Minot, John (Ensign).	" William.
Nevers, Dr. Phineas.	" William, Jr.

## CAPTAIN ADAM HUNTER'S COMPANY AND "ALARM" LIST.

1757.

Alexander, William.	Potter, Alexander.
Allen, Samuel.	" James.
Beveredge, James.	" James, Jr.
Douglass, Andrew.	" John.
" James.	" William.
" Robert.	Reed, David.
Dunlap, John.	" William, Jr.
Ewings, Alexander.	Robinson, Charles.
" Joseph.	" William.
Fulton, James.	Springer, David.
" John.	Thorne, Thomas.
" Robert.	Tibbetts, Andrew.
Hunter, James.	Warringham, Thomas.
Jack, Joseph.	Wilson, Hugh.
Knowles, Richard.	" Robert.
McFarland, James.	" Samuel.
Malcom, William.	" William.
Mallet, John.	Winchell, John,
Moffett, Archibald.	" Samuel
Mustard, James.	Work, Ebenezer.
Patten, Lieut. John	" James.
Patten, William (Clerk).	

## "ALARM" LIST.

Dunlap, Robert.	Fulton, Gowen.	Reed, William.
Eaton, Jacob.	Gatchell, Stephen.	Willson, Thomas.



## APPENDIX III.

LIST OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS ARRANGED ALPHABETI-  
CALLY BY COMPANIES.<sup>1</sup>

## I.

*BRUNSWICK MEN.*

## CAPTAIN JAMES CURTIS'S COMPANY.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.		NAMES.	RANK.	TIME OF SERVICE. Months. Days.	
1775.					
July	17.	Austin, Benoni . . . .	private . . . .	3	
June	10.	Brown, Daniel . . . .	" . . . .	2	4
July	17.	Coombs, Benjamin . . .	" . . . .	3	
May	17.	" Fields . . . .	" . . . .	3	
"	17.	" Hezekiah . . . .	" . . . .	3	
July	17.	" Nathan . . . .	corporal . . . .	3	
May	15.	Curtis, James . . . .	captain . . . .	3	2
July	17.	Duncan, John . . . .	private . . . .	3	
"	17.	Dunning, James . . . .	" . . . .	3	
May	17.	" John . . . .	" . . . .	3	
"	17.	Ham, Tobias . . . .	" . . . .	3	
"	17.	Hinkley, Isaac . . . .	" . . . .	3	
July	30.	Hunt, John . . . .	corporal . . . .	2	15
"	25.	Jones, John . . . .	private . . . .	2	19
May	17.	Rideout, Benjamin . . .	" . . . .	3	
July	17.	Ripley, Samuel . . . .	" . . . .	3	
June	1.	Spear, William . . . .	" . . . .	2	14
July	17.	Stanwood, William . . .	corporal . . . .	3	
"	17.	Thompson, Richard . . .	private . . . .	3	
"	17.	Walker, John . . . .	drummer . . . .	3	
"	17.	Woodward, Ebenezer . . .	private . . . .	3	
June	1.	" Samuel . . . .	" . . . .	2	14
"	1.	Young, Jonathan . . . .	" . . . .	2	14

## CAPTAIN NATHANIEL LARRABEE'S COMPANY.

July	11.	Coombs, George Fields, private	6	5
"	9.	Rideout, Benjamin . . . .	6	7

<sup>1</sup> All not otherwise specified are from muster-rolls, etc.

## CAPTAIN WILLIAM LITHGOW'S COMPANY.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.	NAME.	RANK.	TIME OF SERVICE.	
			Months.	Days.
1776.				
March 13.	Austin, Benoni . . . .	private	8	12
" 11.	Coombs, Fields . . . .	"	8	14
" 15.	Dunning, James . . . .	"	8	10
Feb. 9.	" John . . . .	"	9	14
March 15.	Given, John . . . .	"	8	10
	Grafton (Graffam?), Eph. . . .	"	5	23
March 13.	Hunt, John . . . .	"	8	12
Feb. 19.	Jones, John . . . .	"	9	4
March 21.	Lawrence, Joseph . . . .	" (deserted)	5	11
	Malloy, Hugh . . . .	corp. prom. sergt.	9	4
March 15.	Rideout, Benjamin . . . .	private	6	2
" 15.	Spear, William . . . .	"	8	14
" 15.	Stanwood, William . . . .	sergeant	8	14
Feb. 19.	" " . . . .	private	9	4
March 18.	Woodward, Ebenezer . . . .	"	4	19

## CAPTAIN GEORGE WHITE'S COMPANY.

1777.	Austin, Benoni . . . .	private	87½
	Cornish, John . . . .	"	65½
	Given, John . . . .	"	80½
	Grows, John . . . .	"	66
	Hunt, John . . . .	"	135
	Lawrence, Joseph . . . .	"	97½
	McGill, William . . . .	"	66
	Malloy, Hugh . . . .	"	88½
	Melcher, Joseph . . . .	"	61½
	Ozburn, Jonathan . . . .	"	43½
	Ryan, Francis . . . .	"	99½
	Stanwood, William . . . .	1st lieut.	109
	" " . . . .	private	47
	Starbird, Samuel . . . .	"	37

## CAPTAIN SAMUEL NOYES'S COMPANY.

1775.		
June 20.	Hunt, Daniel.	

CAPTAIN COOMBS'S COMPANY, COLONEL MITCHELL'S REGIMENT.<sup>1</sup>

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.	NAME.	AGE.	STATURE.	COMPLEXION.
1778.	Getchell, Benjamin . . . .	28 . . . .	5 feet 7 inches . .	light.
	Rideout, <sup>2</sup> Abraham . . . .	20 . . . .	" " . .	"
	" Stephen . . . .	18 . . . .	" " . .	"
	Woodward, Joseph . . . .	16 . . . .	" " . .	"

<sup>1</sup> These men were to serve "nine months from the time of their arrival in Fish Kills."

<sup>2</sup> Also served four years and three months. Enlisted from Brunswick in Captain Daniel Merrill's company, Colonel Brewer's regiment, at White Plains, N. Y. Served also in Captain Bullock's company under Greene, and was discharged at West Point in 1782. After the war, he removed to Kennebunkport, where he was living in 1837.

## COMPANIES, ETC., UNKNOWN.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.	NAME.	RANK.
1779.	Alexander, <sup>1</sup> William . . . . .	—
1779.	Alden, <sup>1</sup> Jere . . . . .	—
—	Bisbee, Oliver (before coming to Bruns.)	
1779.	Dunlap, Hugh . . . . .	captain.
—	Dunning, Robert . . . . .	"
1777. Jan. 1.	Given, Robert . . . . .	lieut. 7th Mass.
—	Growse, <sup>1</sup> Michael . . . . .	private.
1779.	Hunt, Ephraim, . . . . .	captain.
—	Hinkley . . . . .	"
—	Larrabee, Benjamin . . . . .	"
—	Lunt, <sup>1</sup> Amos (per'ps fr. Falmouth)	—
—	Moulton, <sup>1</sup> Jeremiah . . . . .	—
—	Rowe, <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	major.
—	Skolfield, <sup>1</sup> William . . . . .	—
—	Storer, <sup>1</sup> William . . . . .	private.
1774.	Thompson, Samuel . . . . .	captain, pro. col. and brig.-gen.
1774.	" Thomas . . . . .	ensign.

## II.

*TOPSHAM MEN.*

## CAPTAIN JAMES CURTIS'S COMPANY.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.	NAME.	RANK.	TIME OF SERVICE.	
			Months.	Days.
1775.				
July 18.	Delap (Dunlap?), John . private	. . . . .		22
" 18.	Gray, Alexander . . . . .	" . . . . .		22
" 18.	" Uriah . . . . .	" . . . . .		22
" 18.	Potter, Samuel . . . . .	" . . . . .		22
" 18.	Walker, Simon Peter . . . . .	" . . . . .		22

## CAPTAIN NATHANIEL LARRABEE'S COMPANY.

1775.				
July 9.	Hall, Nathaniel . . . . .	private . . . . .	6	7

## CAPTAIN WILLIAM LITHGOW'S COMPANY.

1776.				
Feb. 19.	Allen, Daniel . . . . .	private . . . . .	9	4
March 11.	" William . . . . .	" . . . . .	8	14
" 11.	Beveridge, Robert . . . . .			
		priv. prom. corp. and sergt.	8	15
" 11.	Gray, Alexander . . . . .	private . . . . .	3	—
Feb. 19.	" Uriah . . . . .	" . . . . .	6	26
Jan. 1.	Lithgow, William . . . . .	captain . . . . .	10	23
Feb. 19.	Owen Philip . . . . .	fifer . . . . .	12	4
March 11.	Poor, Richard . . . . .	private . . . . .	8	14
Feb. 19.	Potter, Alexander . . . . .	" . . . . .	9	4
" 19.	Reed, William . . . . .	sergeant . . . . .	1	2
" 19.	" William . . . . .	private . . . . .	9	4

<sup>1</sup> From traditional sources entirely.



DATE OF ENLISTMENT.		NAME.	RANK.	TIME OF SERVICE.	
				Months.	Days.
1776.					
Feb.	20.	Shannon, John . . . .	private . . . .	7	15
March	11.	Thompson, <sup>1</sup> Alexander . . . .	" . . . .	8	14
Feb.	19.	Walker, Peter . . . .	private . . . .	5	18
Jan.	1.	White, George . . . .	1st lieut. . . .	8	—

## CAPTAIN GEORGE WHITE'S COMPANY.

1777.		Allen, Daniel . . . .	private . . . .		70
		" William . . . .	" . . . .		70
		Bester, Foster . . . .	" . . . .		79
		Beveridge, Robert . . . .	ensign . . . .		110
		Jones, John (for. Bruns.)	private . . . .		87
		Kennedy, James . . . .	" . . . .		62
		Poor, Richard . . . .	" . . . .		103
		Potter, Alexander . . . .	" . . . .		87
		Shannon, John . . . .	" . . . .		98
		White, George . . . .	captain . . . .		110
		Whitten, John . . . .	private . . . .		46

## CAPTAIN JOHN SKILLINGS'S COMPANY.

1777.		Gray, Uriah . . . .	private . . . .		141
		Owen, Philip . . . .	" . . . .		141

FIRST REGIMENT, LINCOLN COUNTY.<sup>2</sup>

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.	NAME.	CAPTAIN.	AGE.	STATURE.	COMPLEXION.
1778.	Bead, James . . . .	Mustard . . . .	21 . . . .	6 feet — inches . .	light.
	Mustard, James . . . .	" . . . .	— . . . .	— . . . .	—
	Patten, Actor . . . .	Patten . . . .	— . . . .	— . . . .	—
	Potter, Hugh . . . .	" . . . .	17 . . . .	5 " 7 " . . . .	light.
	" Joseph . . . .	Mustard . . . .	32 . . . .	5 " 7 " . . . .	dark.
	" Robert . . . .	Patten . . . .	20 . . . .	5 " 8 " . . . .	light.

## COMPANIES, ETC., UNKNOWN.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.	NAME.	RANK.
1775.	Berry, Thomas . . . .	lieut.
1779.	Graves, <sup>3</sup> Johnson . . . .	private.
1779.	Haley, <sup>3</sup> Pelatiah . . . .	"
—	Hunter, <sup>3</sup> Adam . . . .	"
1774.	" James . . . .	major, prom. to col.
1776.	Jameson, Given . . . .	lieut.
1776.	Patten, William W. . . .	captain.
1779.	Porter, <sup>3</sup> Benjamin (not then a citizen).	
1779.	" James 2d . . . .	lieut.
—	Purington, James . . . .	"
—	Reed, David . . . .	" prom. to captain.
1776.	" John . . . .	capt. " " lieut.-col.
1776.	Whitehouse, <sup>3</sup> Thomas . . . .	ensign.
—	Wilson, Thomas . . . .	captain.
—	" William . . . .	lieut.

<sup>1</sup> Enlisted in Captain Hitchcock's company, Colonel Brewer's regiment. Afterwards moved to Topsham.

<sup>2</sup> Enlisted for "nine months from the time of their arrival in Fish Kills."

<sup>3</sup> From traditional sources.

## III.

*HARPSWELL MEN.*

## CAPTAIN JAMES CURTIS'S COMPANY.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.		NAME.	RANK.	TIME OF SERVICE. Months.      Days.	
1775.					
July	20.	Adams, Thomas . . . .	private . . . .	2	25
"	17.	Andrews, John . . . .	" . . . .	3	—
May	17.	Barstow, James . . . .	" . . . .	3	—
"	20.	Bibber, James . . . .	" . . . .	2	25
July	17.	Blake, John . . . .	corporal . . . .	3	—
June	10.	Cummings, John . . .	private . . . .	2	4
July	17.	Curtis, Jacob . . . .	sergeant . . . .	3	—
May	17.	" Nathaniel . . . .	private . . . .	3	—
"	17.	Doyle, Elijah . . . .	" . . . .	3	—
July	18.	Ewing, John . . . .	sergeant . . . .	3	2
"	18.	Hunt, William . . . .	" . . . .	3	2
"	17.	Johnson, David . . . .	private . . . .	3	—
May	17.	" James . . . .	" . . . .	3	—
"	17.	" John . . . .	" . . . .	3	—
July	17.	Miller, Asa . . . .	fifer . . . .	3	—
"	1.	Purinton, Humphrey . .	private . . . .	1	11
May	20.	Roddick, William . . .	" . . . .	2	25
"	15.	Rogers, Mark . . . .	1st lieut. . . .	3	2
July	20.	Tarr, Joseph . . . .	private . . . .	2	25
"	20.	" William . . . .	" . . . .	2	25
"	1.	Thompson, Cornelius . .	" . . . .	1	11
"	18.	" Joel . . . .	" . . . .	3	2
May	17.	Toothaker, Ephraim . .	" . . . .	3	—
June	10.	Williams, Samuel . . .	" . . . .	2	4

## CAPTAIN NATHANIEL LARRABEE'S COMPANY.

1775.					
July	9.	Birthright, Peter . . .	private . . . .	6	7
"	9.	Dolph, Ellis . . . .	" . . . .	6	7
"	9.	Hall, Nathaniel . . . .	" . . . .	6	7
"	1.	Larrabee, Nathaniel . .	captain . . . .	6	16
"	1.	Snow, Isaac . . . .	1st lieut. . . .	6	16
"	10.	Toothaker, Abraham . .	private . . . .	6	6
"	9.	Williams, Samuel . . .	sergeant . . . .	6	7

## CAPTAIN WILLIAM LITHGOW'S COMPANY.

## TIME OF MARCHING.

1776.					
August 6.		Andrews, John . . . .	private . . . .	5	23
—		Barstow, Isaac . . . .	" . . . .	5	23
March 11.		Doughty, Benjamin . . .	" . . . .	8	14
—		Hunt, William . . . .	corporal . . . .	5	—

## CAPTAIN GEORGE WHITE'S COMPANY.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.	NAME.	RANK.	TIME OF SERVICE. Days.
1777.	Adams, Adam C. . . .	private . . . . .	—
	" Samuel . . . .	" . . . . .	121
	Allen, Pelatiah . . . .	" . . . . .	70
	Curtis, Benjamin . . . .	" . . . . .	—
	Henry, Zebulon . . . .	" . . . . .	—
	Toothaker, Seth . . . .	" . . . . .	79½
	Whittum, Thomas . . . .	" . . . . .	—
	Wilson, William . . . .	" . . . . .	68½

## CAPTAIN REED'S COMPANY.

Adams, Samuel	Bray, Robert	Nickerson, Luke
Aderton, Badger	Herfernan, Patrick	Weymouth, Arch.

## CAPTAIN SMITH'S COMPANY.

Whittum, James .

## CAPTAIN LANE'S COMPANY.

Bibber, James	Doyle, Jotham
Doyle, James	Webber, Samuel

CAPTAIN CURTIS'S COMPANY,<sup>1</sup> IN COLONEL MITCHELL'S REGIMENT.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.	NAME.	AGE.	STATURE.	COMPLEXION.
1778.	Bishop, Hutson . . . . .	19 . . . .	5 feet 5 inches . .	light.
	Booker, Isaiah . . . . .	16 . . . .	" " . .	dark.
	Gardner, Seth . . . . .	28 . . . .	5 " 9 " . .	light.
	Haskell, Ward . . . . .	24 . . . .	5 " 10 " . .	" "
	Johnson, Jonathan . . . . .	23 . . . .	6 " — . .	" "

## COMPANIES, ETC., UNKNOWN.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT.	NAME.	RANK.
1776.	Alexander, Thomas . . . . .	captain.
1777.	Curtis, Nehemiah . . . . .	"
—	Doughty, <sup>2</sup> James . . . . .	—
	Farrin, <sup>2</sup> — . . . . .	private.
1776-1780.	Hodgkins, Eli . . . . .	ensign.
1775.	Leavitt, <sup>2</sup> Caleb . . . . .	private, killed at Bunker Hill.
—	" Nathaniel <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	"
—	Merritt, <sup>2</sup> Henry . . . . .	—
1776.	Merryman, Huston . . . . .	lieut.
1776-80.	Purinton, John M. . . . .	captain.
—	" Stephen <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	—
—	Small, <sup>3</sup> Ephraim . . . . .	private.
—	" Samuel <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	"
1776.	Stover, Simeon Q. . . . .	ensign.
1776-1780.	Trufant, Samuel . . . . .	lieut.

<sup>1</sup> Enlisted for "the term of nine months, from the time of their arrival in Fish Kills."<sup>2</sup> From traditional sources alone.



## PRIVATEERSMEN FROM THE THREE TOWNS.

NAME.	LOCALITY.	VESSEL.
Bishop, Abner . . . . .	Harpswell . . . . .	—
Black, John . . . . .	" . . . . .	In <i>Sea Flower</i> . <sup>1</sup>
Campbell, John (Capt.) . . . . .	— . . . . .	"
Dunning, James . . . . .	— . . . . .	"
Hall, Nathaniel . . . . .	— . . . . .	—
Hopkins, Elisha . . . . .	— . . . . .	—
Hunt, William . . . . .	— . . . . .	<i>Sea Flower</i> .
Reed, John . . . . .	— . . . . .	<i>Sturdy Beggar</i> .
" William . . . . .	— . . . . .	<i>Sea Flower</i> .
Skolfield, John . . . . .	— . . . . .	"
Snow, Elisha . . . . .	Harpswell . . . . .	—
" Isaac . . . . .	" . . . . .	—
" John . . . . .	" . . . . .	—
Stanwood, David . . . . .	— . . . . .	<i>Sea Flower</i> .
" David, Jr. . . . .	— . . . . .	"
" Eben . . . . .	— . . . . .	"
" Samuel . . . . .	— . . . . .	"
" William . . . . .	— . . . . .	"
Sylvester, Marlboro . . . . .	Harpswell . . . . .	—
Toothaker, Abraham . . . . .	" . . . . .	—
" Isaac . . . . .	" . . . . .	—
Totman, Josiah . . . . .	" . . . . .	—
Wier, Thomas . . . . .	— . . . . .	<i>Sturdy Beggar</i> .

<sup>1</sup> Of Newburyport, Captain Tracy.

## APPENDIX IV.

A LIST OF THE SOLDIERS IN THE WAR OF 1812-14.

## I.

## FROM BRUNSWICK.

BRUNSWICK ARTILLERY,<sup>1</sup> IN SERVICE AT BATH.  
1814.

NAME.	RANK.
Alden, Peter O. . . . .	captain.
Eastman, Robert . . . . .	1st lieutenant.
Marsh, Moses M. . . . .	2d " "
Pennell, Thomas . . . . .	3d " "
Stetson, Harvey . . . . .	clerk and sergeant.
Welch, Edward . . . . .	sergeant.
Dunham, Johnson . . . . .	" "
Stetson, Charles . . . . .	" "
Hedge, George . . . . .	drummer.
Carey, James . . . . .	"matross" = private.
Cummings, Samuel S. . . . .	fifer.
Danforth, Isaac . . . . .	matross.
Dillingham, Ammi . . . . .	driver.
Dunlap, Joseph . . . . .	matross.
Given, William, Jr. . . . .	" "
Gray, Uriah . . . . .	" "
Hall, Robert . . . . .	hostler.
Hunt, Jeremiah . . . . .	matross.
Hunt, John . . . . .	" "
Kimball, Dean . . . . .	" "
Kincaid, Patrick, Jr. . . . .	hostler.
Larrabee, William . . . . .	driver.
Littlefield, Moses . . . . .	matross.
Lunt, John . . . . .	" "
Merrill, James . . . . .	" "
Morse, Ephraim . . . . .	" "
Morse, Lemuel . . . . .	" "
Murray, Trueworthy . . . . .	" "
Nelson, James . . . . .	" "
Osgood, Eliphalet . . . . .	" "
Owen, John, 2d . . . . .	" "
Owen, Philip, Jr. . . . .	" "
Pattee, William . . . . .	" "
Pierpont, Edward . . . . .	" "
Powers, Paul . . . . .	" "

<sup>1</sup> From Treasury Department, Washington.

NAME.	RANK.
Pray, Edmund . . . . .	matross.
Rowe, Amos . . . . .	"
Simpson, Thomas . . . . .	"
Stanford, Warren . . . . .	waiter to lieutenant.
Stanwood, Thomas . . . . .	matross.
Toothaker, Andrew . . . . .	driver.
Toothaker, Charles . . . . .	matross.
Toothaker, William . . . . .	hostler.
Todd, John . . . . .	captain's waiter.
Welch, Reed . . . . .	matross.
Wilmot, Orlando . . . . .	"
Wing, Allen . . . . .	"

CAPTAIN RICHARD T. DUNLAP'S COMPANY,<sup>1</sup> LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES  
THOMAS'S REGIMENT, IN BATH.

1814.

Dunlap, Richard T. . . . .	captain.
McManus, Richard . . . . .	1st. lieut.
Sherwood, David, 2d . . . . .	2d. "
Titcomb, William . . . . .	orderly sergeant.
Merriman, Nathaniel . . . . .	sergeant.
Badger, Nathaniel . . . . .	"
Badger, Joseph . . . . .	"

*Privates.*

Adams, Charles.	Gray, John.
Blake, Samuel.	Given, Thomas.
Bowker, Washington.	Given, Thomas, Jr.
Bradley, Foster.	Growse, Thomas.
Brown, Isaac.	Hall, Hammond.
Campbell, John.	Hall, Johnson.
Carey, Alanson.	Hall, William.
Caswell, Wilbur.	Herrick, Benjamin J.
Chase, Enoch.	Hinkley, Noah.
Clarke, Alfred.	Hunt, John.
Clarke, John.	James, William.
Clarke, John, 2d.	Keith, Isaac.
Coombs, Abner.	Kimball, Joseph.
Coombs, Joseph.	Kincaid, David.
Coombs, William S.	Lambert, James.
Cowing, Daniel.	Lemont, Adam.
Cox, James.	Litchfield, Waid.
Cox, Isaac.	Littlefield, James.
Curtis, Joshua.	Lovejoy, Odiorne.
Curtis, William.	Lowell, John.
Dailey, Silas.	Lowell, Simon.
Eaton, Abner.	Lunt, Joseph.
Eaton, Charles.	Lunt, Josiah.
Eaton, Daniel, Jr.	McLellan, Alexander.
Eaton, John.	McManus, Charles, Jr.
Elliott, James, 2d.	McManus, James, 2d.
Ford, Daniel.	McManus, John, Jr.
Graffam, David.	McManus, Richard, 2d.
Grant, John.	Mayhew, Zaccheus.
Grant, Unite.	Melcher, Abner.

<sup>1</sup> From Treasury Department, Washington.



Melcher, Samuel, 3d.  
 Merryman, Thomas, 2d.  
 Merryman, Timothy.  
 Merritt, Henry.  
 Merritt, Jesse.  
 Minot, George.  
 Moore, Samuel.  
 Morse, Benjamin.  
 Morse, Lemuel.  
 Morse, Paul, Jr.  
 Noyes, James.  
 O'Brien, Jeremiah.  
 Osgood, Theodore.  
 Otis, James.  
 Owen, Jeremiah.  
 Owen, Samuel.  
 Pattee, William S.  
 Pinkham, Stephen.  
 Ransom, David.  
 Robertson, John R.  
 Rodick, William.  
 Ross, James, 3d.  
 Ross, John.  
 Ross, Robert, 2d.

Ross, William, 2d.  
 Ryan, Charles.  
 Sampson, Alexander.  
 Simpson, William.  
 Skolfield, John, 2d.  
 Skolfield, Joseph.  
 Sloan, Robert.  
 Snow, Abiezer.  
 Stanwood, Philip.  
 Starbird, William, Jr.  
 Swift, Dean.  
 Taylor, Phineas.  
 Thomas, Ephraim.  
 Thompson, Pelatiah.  
 Titcomb, Benjamin, Jr.  
 Toothaker, Abraham.  
 Toothaker, Alexander.  
 Toothaker, Isaac.  
 Towns, Aaron.  
 Townsend, Aaron.  
 Townsend, Henry.  
 Turner, James.  
 Woodward, Martin.

BRUNSWICK LIGHT INFANTRY,<sup>1</sup> IN COLONEL THOMAS'S REGIMENT, BATH.

1814. June 20 to 22d and September 10th to 29th.

NAME.	RANK.
Dunning, Robert D. . . . .	captain.
Owen, John . . . . .	lieutenant.
Coburn, John . . . . .	ensign.
Brown, Eliphalet . . . . .	sergeant.
Dunning, Aaron . . . . .	"
Dunning, John, 3d. . . . .	"
Noyes, Joseph . . . . .	"
Given, Samuel . . . . .	musician.
Eaton, Edward . . . . .	"
Robertson, Isaac O. . . . .	corporal.
Herrick, Joshua . . . . .	"
Brown, John . . . . .	"
Shaw, David . . . . .	"

*Privates.*

Baker, Zachariah.	Hall, Neal.
Bradley, Foster.	Hammond, James R.
Brown, Gardner.	Hunt, William.
Clark, John, 2d.	Kidder, Jonathan.
Davis, Joseph W.	Lock, Abraham.
Dinsmore, James.	Moore, Richard.
Dunlap, Robert.	Moulton, Samuel.
Dunning, Joseph N.	Mullen, Thomas.
Elliot, James.	Mustard, William.
Flood, Henry.	Noyes, James.
Fuller, Ira.	Osgood, Theodore.
Graftam, Thomas.	Owen, Samuel.
Grows, John.	Ross, James, 3d.

<sup>1</sup> From office of adjutant-general of Maine.

Sampson, Alexander.  
 Shaw, John.  
 Titcomb, John L.

Toothaker, John.  
 Wing, Calvin.  
 Woodside, George.

## STAFF ROLL OF COLONEL THOMAS'S REGIMENT.

NAME.	RANK.	LOCALITY.
Thomas, Charles . . . . .	lt.-colonel	Brunswick.
Estabrook, Thomas S. . . . .	major	"
Poor, Nathaniel . . . . .	"	"
Coombs, John E. . . . .	"	"
Sewall, William . . . . .	adjutant	"
Badger, Nathaniel . . . . .	"	"
Thomas, Charles, Jr. . . . .	paymaster	"
Herrick, Jacob . . . . .	chaplain	Durham.
Page, Jonathan . . . . .	surgeon	Brunswick.
Holbrook, Moses . . . . .	surgeon's mate	"
Anderson, Martin . . . . .	sergeant-major	"
Dunning, John . . . . .	quartermaster	"

CAPTAIN JOSEPH DUSTIN'S COMPANY,<sup>1</sup> AT BATH, IN COL. THOMAS'S REGIMENT.

1814.

NAME.	RANK.
Dustin, Joseph . . . . .	captain.
Pennell, William . . . . .	lieutenant.
Dunning, John . . . . .	ensign.
Brown, Benjamin . . . . .	sergeant.
Given, Thomas . . . . .	"
Dunning, James, 2d . . . . .	"
Lewis, Jazaniah . . . . .	"
Messerve, Jesse . . . . .	corporal.
Anderson, Charles . . . . .	"
Dunning, Thomas . . . . .	"
Given, John, 3d . . . . .	drummer.
Simpson, Robert . . . . .	fifer.

*Privates.*

Blaisdell, Jonathan.	Morse, Adam.
Chase, George.	Morse, Anthony, Jr.
Crips, John.	Morse, James.
Curtis, Abiezer.	Morse, Joseph, Jr.
Curtis, Calvin.	Moseley, William.
Curtis, Melzer.	Parsley, <sup>2</sup> Eliphalet.
Given, Benjamin.	Pennell, Jacob.
Given, David, Jr.	Pennell, Robert.
Given, John, 2d.	Skolfield, Jacob.
Gould, Joseph.	Simpson, <sup>2</sup> Lewis.
Graffam, Samuel.	Simpson, Matthew.
Hodgdon, Jeremiah.	Stanwood, Benjamin.
Hunt, William.	Stanwood, David.
Mariner, John, 3d.	Stanwood, James, 3d.
Miller, William.	Stanwood, Judah.
Minot, Vincent.	Stanwood, Robert.

<sup>1</sup> From Treasury Department, Washington.<sup>2</sup> The only members now living.

Stevens, Reuben.  
 Stilkey, George.  
 Woodside, Robert.

Woodside, Stinson.  
 Woodside, William.  
 Woodward, Nathan.

CAPTAIN JORDAN'S COMPANY,<sup>1</sup> IN COLONEL THOMAS'S REGIMENT, IN BATH.  
 1814.

NAME.	RANK.
Jordan, Peter, Jr. . . . .	captain.
Woodward, Isaac . . . . .	lieut.
Toppan, Josiah F. . . . .	sergeant.
Jordan, Henry . . . . .	"
Bisbee, Rufus . . . . .	"
Snow, Jordan . . . . .	"
Mariner, Thomas . . . . .	corporal.
Leavitt, Caleb . . . . .	"
Peterson, Benjamin . . . . .	"

*Privates.*

Bates, James.	Holbrook, John.
Bisbee, Studley.	Holmes, William (waiter).
Cook, Eli.	Hyde, Jude.
Coombs, Asa.	Jordan, Abijah.
Coombs, Charles, Jr.	Jordan, Jesse.
Coombs, Joseph, Jr.	Larrabee, James.
Coombs, Samuel.	Lewis, Jabez.
Cotton, Levi.	Lewis, Nathan.
Crawford, Charles.	Linscott, Abijah (waiter).
Crawford, John.	Linscott, Abraham.
Crowell, John.	Linscott, Joseph, Jr.
Danforth, Abner.	Low, Samuel.
Danforth, Enoch.	Marr, Joseph.
Davis, Miab.	Mariner, Unite.
Davis, Uriah.	Melcher, John.
Donnell, Abiel.	Peters, Simeon.
Donnell, John.	Peterson, John.
Doughty, Jacob G.	Pollard, George.
Doughty, Stephen.	Smiley, David.
Doughty, William.	Story, William.
Estes, John.	Thomas, William.
Farrin, David.	Wallace, John.
Farrin, Winthrop, Jr.	Winslow, Job.
Gatchell, Aaron.	Woodward, Ebenezer.
Gatchell, Benjamin.	Woodward, Samuel.
Harding, Nehemiah.	

*Cavalry.*

Jordan,<sup>2</sup> Robert.                      Weston,<sup>2</sup> Jacob.

IN COLONEL MCCOBB'S REGIMENT, IN NEW YORK.

1813.

McMamus,<sup>2</sup> Richard.

<sup>1</sup> From Treasury Department, Washington.

<sup>2</sup> Traditional.



## II.

## TOPSHAM MEN.

CAPTAIN PATTEN'S COMPANY,<sup>1</sup> AT BATH, IN COLONEL MERRILL'S REGIMENT.

1814.

NAME.	RANK.
Patten, George F. . . . .	captain.
Rogers, George . . . . .	lieutenant.
Perry, Joseph M. . . . .	ensign.
Hunter, Charles . . . . .	sergeant.
Brown, Ezekiel M. . . . .	"
Thompson, Daniel . . . . .	"
Rogers, Hugh . . . . .	"
Sampson, Henry . . . . .	fifer.

*Privates.*

Abell, Jehiel.	Hunter, Arthur, Jr.
Berry, Josiah.	Hunter, Benjamin.
Berry, Robert.	Hunter, David.
Brown, Jeremiah.	Hunter, Lithgow.
Card, Francis.	Hunter, Samuel.
Chase, John, Jr.	Hunter, Thomas, 3d.
Coombs, Abner, waiter.	Mallett, William, Jr.
Cummings, Jacob.	Mallett, Collamore.
Foster, Joseph, 3d.	Patten, Adam.
Foster, Philip H.	Patten, James F. (waiter).
Foy, Henry.	Patten, Matthew.
Foy, Joshua.	Potter, Jesse.
Given, Samuel.	Randall, William, Jr.
Graves, Daniel.	Rideout, Jacob.
Graves, Ebenezer.	Rogers, William.
Graves, Jacob.	Sampson, James, Jr.
Graves, Levi.	Sanford, John, Jr.
Graves, Moses.	Small, Francis.
Graves, Samuel.	Smith, Joseph.
Heal, Gilbert.	Stockman, Jesse.
Howland, Abraham.	Taylor, John.
Howland, Benjamin.	Wade, Abner.
Howland, George.	Wade, Luther.
Howland, John.	Whitmore, Creighton (waiter).
Hunter, Adam.	Winchell, Robert.
Hunter, Alexander.	Work, David.

TOPSHAM ARTILLERY COMPANY,<sup>2</sup> AT BATH.

1814.

TIME OF SERVICE.	NAME.	RANK.	REMARKS.
19 days.	Walker, Nathaniel . . .	captain . . .	
"	Cook, James . . . . .	1st lieut. . . .	
"	Perkins, Nahum . . . .	2d " . . . .	
"	Perkins, Samuel . . . .	ord. serg. . . .	

<sup>1</sup> From Treasury Department, Washington.<sup>2</sup> From original roll.

TIME OF SERVICE.	NAME.	RANK.	REMARKS.
19 days.	Wentworth, John . . .	sergeant . . .	
—	Plummer, Nathaniel . . .	“ . . .	absent on duty in fort.
19 days.	Plummer, Moses . . .	corporal . . .	
“	Haley, Abner . . .	musician . . .	
“	Wilson, John, 4th . . .	hostler . . .	
“	Hinkley, James . . .	“ . . .	
“	Holbrook, Jesse . . .	“ . . .	
“	Stone, Alfred . . .	waiter . . .	for captain.
“	Cook, Lincoln . . .	“ . . .	“ 1st lieutenant.
“	Kimball, Abraham . . .	“ . . .	“ 2d “
“	Alexander, David . . .	private . . .	
—	Baker, Jonathan . . .	“ . . .	excused from duty.
19 days.	Brown, Robert . . .	“ . . .	
—	Crosby, Ebenezer . . .	“ . . .	absent { did not }
—	Crosby, Sharon . . .	“ . . .	“ { serve. }
19 days.	Dennett, William . . .	“ . . .	
“	Green, Gardner . . .	“ . . .	
7 days.	Grey, Solomon . . .	“ . . .	detached from infantry as instructor.
—	Haley, James . . .	“ . . .	absent in fort.
19 days.	Haynes, Reuben . . .	private . . .	
“	Harding, Richard C. . .	“ . . .	
—	Hinkley, Ezekiel . . .	“ . . .	absent in fort.
—	Hodsdon, Silas . . .	“ . . .	did not serve.
—	Hanniford, William . . .	“ . . .	absent in fort.
—	Jack, John . . .	“ . . .	“ “
4 days.	Plummer, Lemuel D. . .	“ . . .	sick; discharged.
—	Rollins, Aaron . . .	“ . . .	did not serve.
—	Thomas, Consider . . .	“ . . .	absent in fort.
—	Thomas, George . . .	“ . . .	“ “
—	Towns, Samuel . . .	“ . . .	lame; did not serve.
—	Tuttle, Josiah . . .	“ . . .	absent in fort.
19 days.	Ware, William . . .	“ . . .	
—	Weymouth, Moses . . .	“ . . .	absent in fort.

## CAVALRY.

Frost,<sup>1</sup> William.

## FROM OTHER TOWNS.

Haskell,<sup>2</sup> Joshua.

## III.

## HARPSWELL MEN.

CAPTAIN JOHNSON'S COMPANY.<sup>3</sup>

1814. June 20 to 25 and September 19 to 21.

NAME.	RANK.
Johnson, David . . . . .	captain.
Curtis, Peleg . . . . .	lieut.
Curtis, David . . . . .	ensign.

<sup>1</sup> Traditional.<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*<sup>3</sup> From Treasury Department, Washington.

NAME.		RANK.	
	Merryman, James, 4th . . . . .	sergeant.	
	Randall, Benjamin . . . . .	"	
	Sylvester, Isaac . . . . .	"	
	Wier, James S. . . . .	"	
	Curtis, Ebenezer . . . . .	corporal.	
	Merryman, Thomas . . . . .	"	
	Reed, John, Jr. . . . .	"	
	Orr, Simeon . . . . .	"	
	Dunning, James . . . . .	drummer.	
	Merryman, Jacob . . . . .	fifer.	
	Esthman, Fryeholt . . . . .	"	
<i>Privates.</i>			
June 20 to 25.		June 20 to 25.	Merryman, Benjamin.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Alexander, Hugh.	June 20 to 25.	
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Merryman, James, 3d.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Alexander, Isaac.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Merryman, John.
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Merryman, Mich'l, Jr.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Alexander, Joseph.	June 20 to 25.	
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Merryman, Samuel.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Allen, Ephraim, Jr.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Merryman, Waitstill.
June 20 to 25.		June 20 to 25.	
Sept. 10 to 29.	Barstow, Robert.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Merryman, William.
June 20 to 25.	Barstow, William.	June 20 to 25.	
Sept. 10 to 29.	Bibber, Courtney.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Orr, David.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Blake, John (waiter).	June 20 to 25.	
Sept. 10 to 29.	Blasland, Wm. (wr.)	Sept. 10 to 29.	Orr, William.
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Perry, David.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Booker, Daniel, Jr.	June 20 to 25.	
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Pinkham, Richard.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Clark, David.	June 20 to 25.	Reed, William.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Clark, Paul (waiter).	June 20 to 25.	
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Sinnet, Hugh.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Curtis, James.	June 20 to 25.	
June 20 to 25.	Curtis, John.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Skolfield, Samuel.
June 20 to 25.		June 20 to 25.	
Sept. 10 to 29.	Curtis, Paul.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Stevens, William H.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Curtis, Simeon.	June 20 to 25.	
Sept. 10 to 29.	Douglass, George.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Stover, Daniel.
June 20 to 25.	Douglass, William.	June 20 to 25.	
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Stover, David.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Ewing, James, Jr.	June 20 to 25.	
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Stover, John.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Ewing, John.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Stover, Joseph.
June 20 to 25.	Farrin, Winthrop.	June 20 to 25.	
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Stover, Joshua.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Gardiner, Robert.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Stover, Paul.
June 20 to 25.		June 20 to 25.	Stover, Theophilus.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Hersey, John.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Sylvester, John.
June 20 to 25.		June 20 to 25.	
Sept. 10 to 29.	Hodgkins, Benjamin.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Sylvester, Marlboro'.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Ingalls, John N.	June 20 to 25.	
Sept. 10 to 29.	Jordan, William.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Sylvester, William.
June 20 to 25.		June 20 to 25.	
Sept. 10 to 29.	Kemp, Silas.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Thomas, Jesse.
June 20 to 25.		June 20 to 25.	
Sept. 10 to 29.	Matthews, Samuel.	Sept. 10 to 29.	Toothaker, David.



June 20 to 25.	Totman, Levi.	June 20 to 25.	
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Wheeler, Simeon.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Webber, Charles.	June 20 to 25.	
June 20 to 25.		Sept. 10 to 29.	Wilson, John.
Sept. 10 to 29.	Wheeler, John.		

CAPTAIN SNOW'S COMPANY.<sup>1</sup>

September 10 to 29, 1814.

NAMES.	RANK.
Snow, Stephen . . . . .	captain.
Snow, Paul . . . . .	lieutenant.
Merritt, William . . . . .	ensign.
Merritt, Stephen . . . . .	sergeant.
Holbrook, Jonathan . . . . .	"
Coombs, Elisha . . . . .	"
Thomas, Williams . . . . .	"
Toothaker, Samuel . . . . .	corporal.
Toothaker, Cornelius . . . . .	"
Eastman, Kingsbury . . . . .	"
Hopkins, Simeon . . . . .	"
Sawyer, Daniel . . . . .	musician.
Green, Josiah . . . . .	"

*Privates.*

Alexander, John.	Otis, Samuel, Jr.
Aubins, George.	Prior, Leonard P.
Aubins, Humphrey.	Purinton, Joshua.
Blackmore, James (waiter).	Purinton, <sup>2</sup> Nathaniel.
Blake, Samuel (waiter).	Rich, Benjamin.
Coombs, Jesse.	Rich, David.
Dingley, Spencer.	Rich, Isaac.
Dresser, Ebenezer.	Ridley, Mark, Jr.
Eastman, James.	Small, Israel.
Holbrook, Israel.	Snow, Isaiah, Jr.
Hopkins, Elisha.	Snow, Jesse.
Kemp, Timothy.	Snow, Jesse, Jr.
Leavitt, George.	Snow, Samuel.
Lorey, James.	Toothaker, John.
Lunt, Isaiah (waiter).	Wilson, Alexander.
Merritt, Isaac.	Wilson, Seth.
Merritt, Samuel.	

IN COMPANIES, ETC., UNKNOWN.<sup>3</sup>

Dyer, George.	Raymond, Paul.
Dyer, Leonard.	Purinton, Robert.

<sup>1</sup> From Treasury Department, Washington.<sup>3</sup> All the latter are from traditional sources.<sup>2</sup> Afterwards prom to lieut.

## APPENDIX V.

## LISTS OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS FROM BRUNSWICK, TOPSHAM, AND HARPSWELL IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.

COMPILED CHIEFLY FROM THE REPORTS OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL OF MAINE.

## BRUNSWICK LIST.

NAME.	Rank.	Regiment. <sup>1</sup>	Co.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge or Death, and Remarks.
Adams, Alphonzo A.	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Alexander, Martin,	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Alexander, Asa J.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Re-enlisted; mustered out July 13, 1865.
Alexander, William F.	"	4th Bat. Mt'd Art.	K,	Dec. 21, 1861,	Deserted June 13, 1862.
Alexander, Lorenzo,	"	12th,	K,	Nov. 16, 1861,	Transf'd to Bat. 12th Me. Co. D. Disch'd by order, Aug.
Anderson, Edward,	"	U. S. Navy,	K,	Aug. 24, 1864,	Term one year; volunteer
Allen, William,	"	6th,	K,	July 15, 1861,	Discharged for disability 1861; re-enlisted in Co. F, 15th Me. Died at Pensacola, March 12, 1863.
Allen, Henry.	"	4th Bat. Mt'd Art.	G,	Dec. 21, 1861,	Discharged Dec. 20, 1864; term expired.
Allen, Charles,	"	15th,	G,	Jan. 21, 1862,	Deserted Feb. 26, 1862.
Allen, Levi D.	"	17th,	L,	Aug. 18, 1862,	Deserted Oct 6, 1862.
Allen, Charles,	"	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Promoted 1st sergt. Discharged in 1864.
Allen, Moses, Jr.	"	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Died March 13, 1863.
Andrews, John,	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Promoted corporal. Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Ayer, Rodney R.	"	15th,	K,	Mar. 13, 1865,	Died August 21 1865.
Ayer, Edwin N.	"	15th,	K,	Mar. 13, 1865,	Discharged by order, March 7, 1866.
Bailey, Stephen J.	Private,	15th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1861,	Promoted corporal; re-enlisted. Discharged Sept. 18, 1865.
Bailey, James H.	Corporal,	5th,	E,	June 24, 1861,	Re-enlisted Co. F, 15th Me. Discharged Aug. 1862. Re-enlisted 5th regt; transferred to Co. B, 1st Me. Vets.
Barnes, William,	Private,	1st Cav.	K,	Nov. 2, 1861,	Discharged by order of June 16, 1865.
Berry, Charles S.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Discharged for disability in 1862.
Berry, Emery T.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Mustered out Sept. 27, 1864.
Bennett, George E.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Discharged for disability, June 21, 1863.
Bennett, James H.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Mustered out Sept. 27, 1864; re-enlisted in 29th Unassigned Inf. Mustered out May 19, 1865.

Private,	20th,	K,	Aug.	29, 1862,	Transferred to Vet. Reserve Corps. Not accounted for on muster-out rolls.
Bickford, George H.	20th,	K,	Aug.	29, 1862,	Died at Relay House, Maryland, Nov. 1, 1862.
Blaisdell, John F.	5th,	D,	June	24, 1861,	Promoted sergeant. Discharged in 1864.
Blaisdell, James M.	30th,	H,	Jan.	12, 1864,	Transferred to Co. G. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Blaisdell, Andrew M.	Private,	B,	Sept.	22, 1861,	Discharged April 23, 1862.
Blaisdell, James,	U. S. Navy,				[1865.
Bridge, Frank,	1st Heavy Art.	M,	Jan.	5, 1864,	Transf'd from Co. B. Prom. corp. Mustered out Sept. 11,
Bridge, William C.	1st Heavy Art.	M,	Jan.	8, 1864,	Transf'd from Co. B. Prom. corp. Mustered out Sept. 11,
Brown, Henry Y.	1st Vets.	H,	Aug.	10, 1863,	Drafted. Discharged by order of May 22, 1865.
Brown, William A.	7th,	D,	Aug.	22, 1861,	Re-enlisted Co. A, 1st Vets. Disch'd by order, Aug. 7, 1865.
Brown, Franklin,	Private,	I,	Sept.	9, 1861,	Taken on <i>talvas corporis</i> and discharged in 1861.
Brown, Algernon H.	3d,	C,	Mar.	23, 1864,	Wounded. Mustered out July 15, 1865. Died.
Boutelle, Charles A.	U. S. Navy,				
Brown, David F.	U. S. Navy,				Term three years. Substitute.
Card, Lewis H.	3d,		Aug.	26, 1862,	
Chamberlain, Joshua L.	Private,	B,	June	4, 1861,	Stricken from roll for misbehavior.
Chase, Thomas C.	Lieut.-Col		Aug.	8, 1862,	Prom. col., brig.-gen., and major-gen. Wounded June 18, 1864. Mustered out July 16, 1865.
Clark, Clinton G.	Private,	C,	Feb.	9, 1865,	Term expired. Discharged Feb. 9, 1865.
Clark, George H.	"	E,	June	24, 1861,	On gunboat service in 1862. Dropped from rolls as a deserter.
Coburn, Enoch,	"	K,	Aug.	21, 1861,	Died at camp. [5, 1866.
Coffin, James W.	"	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Prom. corp. Re-enlisted. Prom. sergt. Mustered out July
Coffin, Thomas F.	"	D,	June	24, 1861,	Discharged in 1863. [July 5, 1866.
Coffin, Simeon,	"	F,	July	12, 1862,	Appointed marker. Re-enlisted. Prom. corp. Mustered out
	"	D,	June	24, 1861,	Re-enlisted Co. F, 15th Me. Prom. corp. Discharged for
	"				disability, Feb. 5, 1865.
Coffin, Henry B.	"	B,	Sept.	22, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Promoted corp. Disch'd by order, Aug. 4, 1865.
Coffin, John,	"	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Mustered out Jan. 19, 1865.
Cooper, Calvin,	"	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Discharged for disability in 1864.
Coombs, Benjamin F.	"	F,	Dec.	19, 1861,	Drummer in 1862. Died at Brazos, Tex., Nov. 15, 1863.
Coombs, Thomas H.	"	D,	Sept.	29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Coombs, Thomas A.	"	D,	Aug.	29, 1862,	Discharged by Order No. 94.
Coombs, David E.	Corporal,	B,	Sept.	22, 1861,	Prom. 1st sergt. Mustered out Sept. 27, 1864.
Colby, Cornelius,	Private,	B,	Sept.	22, 1861,	Mustered out in 1864. Re-enlisted in 1st Me. Cavalry.
	"				Mustered out Aug. 1, 1865.
Colby, Harrison,	"	D,	Sept.	29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1865.
Colby, Anos H.	"	H,	Jan.	6, 1864,	Died in 1864.

<sup>1</sup> All not otherwise specified were Maine regiments.



NAME.	Rank.	Regiment.	Co.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge or Death, and Remarks.
Colby, Reuben P.	Private,	9th,	B,	Feb. 26, 1864,	Mustered out July 13, 1865.
Colby, John P.	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Cobbett, Alfred L.	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Discharged Oct. 3.
Corbett, Robert R.	"	15th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Prom. corp. Prom. sergt. Must. out July 5, [1865.
Corbett, George L.	Musician,	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Discharged by order, Aug. 4, 1865.
Corbett, James E.	Private,	15th,	F,	Jan. 21, 1862,	Re-enlisted. Company commissary. Died July 11, 1865.
Cobbett, Alfred,	Corporal,	15th,	F,	Dec. 26, 1861,	Prom. sergt. Re-enlisted. Disch'd by order of Oct. 6, 1865.
Cobb, George E.	Private,	20th,	B,	Mar. 6, 1865,	Mustered out July 16, 1865.
Cobb, George W.	"	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Discharged May 3, 1865.
Cobb, Hiram B.	"	12th,	H,	Mar. 16, 1865,	Mustered out March 16, 1866.
Cobb, Joseph H.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 20, 1862,	Died of disease, Jan. 20, 1863.
Croswell, James T.	Corporal,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Cussell, Robert,	Private,	13th,	D,	Feb. 22, 1864,	Transferred to navy.
Curtis, Corydon T.	Corporal,	13th,	G,	Mar. 1, 1865,	Mustered out March 6, 1866
Connelly, John,	Private,	16th,	F,	Aug. 26, 1864,	Substitute. Transf'd to 20th Me. Prom. corp. Must. out July [16, 1865.
Corson, Reuben C.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Prom. sergt. Mustered out July 13, 1865.
Cram, Nelson P.	Sergeant,	11th,	K,	Nov. 2, 1861,	Discharged for disability, June 18, 1862. Died Oct. 18.
Crockett, Richard,	"	19th,	K,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Promoted 1st lieut. Discharged April 26, 1864.
Courson, John L.	Private,	15th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1861,	Promoted corp. Died at Brazos, Tex., Dec. 11, 1863.
Cushman, George W.	"	19th,	K,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Discharged for disability, Dec. 16, 1863. Died.
Cripps, Woodbury D.	"	12th,	K,	Mar. 21, 1865,	Mustered out March 17, 1866.
Cryan, Michael,	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Craig, Joseph,	"	5th N. H.			Killed at battle of Gettysburg, 1863.
Coburn, Joseph N.	"	Mass. Cavalry,			Died.
Craig, Winchester D.	"	11th Mass.		1862,	
Cobb, Dexter.	"	24th Mass.		1862,	
Cooper, William,	"	U. S. Navy,		Sept. 9, 1864,	Term three years. Substitute.
Christman, Nath'l E.	"	U. S. Navy,		Oct. 27, 1864,	Term three years. Substitute.
Doughty, George E.	Private,	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Died of disease, Feb. 28, 1865. [in 1864.
Dunning, Edward H.	Corporal,	13th,	E,	Dec. 10, 1861,	Reduced to ranks by his request in 1862. Disch'd for prom.
Dunning, Henry,	Sergeant,	15th,	F,	Dec. 17, 1861,	Reduced to ranks by his request in 1862. Act. hosp. steward in 1863. Mustered out Jan. 19, 1865.
Dunlap, Martin,	Private,	7th,	B,	Aug. 21, 1861,	Died Aug. 23, 1862.
Dempsey, Dennis,	"	8th,	D,	Oct. 4, 1863,	" Absent sick since May, 1864." Regt. must. out Jan. 18, [1866.

Dunning, Horace E.	Private,	7th,	D,	Aug. 22, 1861,	Discharged in 1862. Re-enlisted 30th Regt. Co. E, Me. Vet. Vols. Wounded. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Dennison, Benjamin L.	Sergeant,	25th,	D,	Sept. 20, 1862,	Discharged for disability. April 1, 1863.
Dane, Victor,	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 20, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863. Re-enlisted 30th Me., Co. E. Discharged from hospital, Aug. 28, 1865.
Dennison, John,	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 20, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Drummond, Charles W.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 20, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Dyer, George M.	"	6th,	K,	July 15, 1861,	Mustered out Aug. 15, 1864.
Doughty, Isaac G.	"	5th,	D,	July 24, 1861,	Killed in action, May 10, 1864.
Duulap, Charles L.	"	5th,	D,	July 24, 1861,	Disch'd on account of wounds rec'd at battle of Antietam. Mustered out July, 1864. Re-enlisted in U. S. Vet Vols. in April, 1865.
Dunning, Orlando,	"	5th,	D,	July 24, 1861,	
Dunning, Robert A.	"	7th,	K,	Aug. 21, 1861,	Re-enlisted 1st Vets. Wounded in action May 18, 1864. Prom. corp. and sergt. Mustered out June 28, 1865.
Doughty, Oliver,	Corporal,	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Reduced to ranks at his request. Disch'd for disability June 5, 1863.
Doughty, Harvey M.	Private,	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Prom. sergt. Disch'd by order Aug. 8, 1865.
Doney, Joseph,	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Taken prisoner July, 1863. Died at Belle Isle.
Dunning, Alfred J.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 20, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863. [given
Dolly, Stephen,	"	15th,	F,	Jan. 16, 1862,	Transf'd to Vet. Res Corps April, 1864. No further record
Durgin, James T.	"	15th,	F,	Feb. 4, 1862,	Re-enlisted. Discharged for disability April 27, 1864.
Dolly, George M.	"	30th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1863,	Died of disease.
Doughty, John H.	"	30th,	H,	Jan. 6, 1864,	Transferred to Co. G. Must'd out Aug. 20, 1865. [20, 1865.
Donald, Edward J.	"	1st Bat. M'd Art.	H,	Dec. 15, 1863,	Wounded in action June 18, 1864. Disch'd for disability May
Panforth, Isaac H.	"	1st Bat. M'd Art.	H,	Feb. 25, 1864,	Wounded Oct. 19, 1864. Mustered out July 15, 1865.
Decovin, Joseph S.	"	2d U. S. Sharpsh's,	D,	Feb. 22, 1864,	Transferred to 17th Me., then to 1st Me. Heavy Art. Mustered out Sept. 11, 1865.
Dunning, John,	"				A signed to 9th Me. Inf. Jumped overboard from transport on passage from New York to Port Royal. Volunteer for one year.
Dill, Samuel H.		U. S. Navy,		Aug. 22, 1864,	
Eaton, Alfred J.	Private,	5th,	E,	June 24, 1861,	Deserted and returned from desertion. Discharged by War Department in 1862. Re-enlisted in 1874 in 30th Regt.; taken prisoner and exch'd. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Eaton, George L.	"	7th,	D,	Aug. 22, 1861,	Prom. to corp. Prisoner at Gaines Hill. Exchanged. Discharged Dec. 31, 1861.
Eaton, Edward R.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Died in 1861.
Eaton, Abouzo J.	"	15th,	G,	Jan. 14, 1862,	Mustered out Jan. 19, 1865.
Eaton, William W.	Hosp. stew.	16th,		June 27, 1862,	Prom. assis. surg. in 1863 and surg. in 1864. Mustered out
Eaton, George,	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Discharged for disability April 10, 1864. [June 5, 1865.

NAME.	Rank.	Regiment.	Co.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge or Death, and Remarks.
Estabrook, George S.	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863. Re-enlisted. Wounded May 20, 1864. Promoted sergt. Mustered out Jan. 18, 1865.
Eaton, George W.	"	29th,	F,	Nov. 13, 1863,	Transferred to Vet. Res Corps. Wounded. Unaccounted for on Vet. Res Corps rolls.
Eaton, George A.	Ass't surg.	U. S. Navy,		Sept. 9, 1864,	Volunteer for one year.
Ellis, Daniel F.		108th R. U. S. Cd. In.		Oct. 27, 1864,	Prom. surg. in 1865. Mustered out March 30, 1866.
French, John H.	Corporal,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Discharged for disability Sept. 3, 1862. Re-enlisted 12th Me. 1865. Mustered out March 6, 1866.
Fuller, Alfred,	Private,	6th,	G,	July 15, 1861,	Re-enlisted 1st Vets. Co. E. Discharged for disability Jan.
Fuller, Joseph,	"	5th,	E,	June 24, 1861,	Prom. corp. Discharged for disability in 1861. Re-enlisted in U. S. Vet. Vols. in 1865.
Few, Robert,	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Prom. corp. and sergt. Reduced to ranks. Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Fuller, David M.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Prom. corp. Mustered out July 13, 1865.
Freeman, William E.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Mustered out Sept. 27, 1864.
Field, Charles W.	"	9th,	C,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Mustered out July 13, 1865.
Foy, Edwin.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Discharged for disability April 11, 1862.
Fox, Edwin B.	"	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Wounded Sept. 30, 1864. Discharged June, 1865. [1865.
Fuller, Benjamin F.	"	16th,	D,	Aug. 14, 1862,	Prom. corp. Wounded July 1, 1863. Mustered out June 5,
Fuller, Joseph, 2d,	Corporal,	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Prom. sergt. in 1862, 2d lieut. in 1863, and 1st lieut. in 1864. Discharged Dec. 20, 1864.
Fuller, Alonzo M.	Private,	5th,	D,	Sept. 1862,	Prom. corp. Discharged April 10, 1864.
Freeman, George A.	"	1st Heavy Art.	M,	Jan. 5, 1864,	Wounded May, 1864. Discharged Dec. 28, 1864.
Fuller, Charles H.	"	1st Bat. M'd Art.		Feb. 26, 1864,	Guidon. Mustered out July 15, 1865.
Forbes, Edward W.	"	" " "		April 16, 1864,	Mustered out July 15, 1865.
Fitzgerald, John,	"	" " "	F,	Feb. 1, 1864,	Prom. 2d lieut. Mustered out July 5, 1866.
Forbes, Edward,		U. S. Navy,		Feb. 1, 1862,	
Field, Albert C.		N. Y. M'd Rifle'n,	B,	1862,	
Field, George P.		U. S. Engineers,	C,	1862,	
Goldsmith, Charles B.	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Discharged for disability Aug. 29, 1862. Re-enlisted 30th Me. Vet. Vols. Deserted June 16, 1865.
Gilman, Jacob O.	"	6th,	G,	July 15, 1861,	Wounded at White Oak Swamp June 30, 1862. Discharged for disability Oct. 1862.



Gatchell, Roswell E.	Private,	15th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1861,	Died on Ship Island.
Griffin, Timothy,	"	15th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1861,	Mustered out Jan. 19, 1865. Re-enlisted in U. S. Vet. Vols.
Gatchell, John E.	"	15th,	I,	Dec. 31, 1861,	Transferred to Co. F. Prom. corp. Re-enlisted. Disch'd by order Nov. 9, 1865.
Grows, George T.	"	15th,	I,	Dec. 17, 1861,	Mustered out Jan. 19, 1865.
Gatchell, E. T.	"	1st Cavalry,	K,	Nov. 2, 1861,	Transferred to hospital. Re-enlisted. Prom. hosp. stew'd. Mustered out Aug. 1, 1865.
Gatchell, Jesse H.	Musician,	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Discharged Feb. 8, 1862. [1865.]
Gatchell, Josiah,	Private,	1st Cavalry,	K,	Nov. 2, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Prom. corp. and sergt. Discharged June 20, 1864. Re-enlisted in U. S. Vet. Vols. March, 1865.
Griffin, Charles H.	"	4th Bat. M'd Art.		Dec. 21, 1861,	Term expired and discharged Dec. 20, 1864.
Gatchell, Joshua,	Corporal,	15th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Prom. principal musician. Mustered out July 5, 1866. [1864.]
Gross, Joshua F.	Private,	19th,	F,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Prom. corp. Reduced to ranks. Transf'd to Navy Apr. 1, 1864.
Grows, George E.	"	19th,	K,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Prom. corp. and 2d lieut. Died of wounds July 7, 1864.
Graves, Alpheus M.	"	19th,	K,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Prom. sergt. Mustered out May 31, 1865.
Greenleaf, Chester A.	Captain,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Gerrish, Edward F.	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863. Re-enlisted 7th Bat. M'd Art. Mustered out June 21, 1865.
Gond, Charles,	Private,	30th,	E,	Dec. 12, 1863,	Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Grant, Marshall,	"	30th,	H,	Jan. 6, 1864,	Transferred to Co. G. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Green, William S.	"	20th,	A,	Feb. 10, 1865,	Died in hospital, June 8, 1865.
Gatchell, Andrew,	"	16th,	E,	Aug. 18, 1863,	Transferred to 20th Me. Mustered out July 16, 1865.
Green, Nathaniel,	"	U. S. Navy,		1862,	Term two years. Volunteer.
Grows, John W.	"	U. S. Navy,		Sept. 22, 1864,	Term two years. Volunteer.
Grows, James W.	"	U. S. Navy,		Sept. 22, 1864,	Term three years. Substitute.
Grant, Daniel,	"	U. S. Navy,		Dec. 15, 1864,	[1861.]
Hyde, Robert,	Private,	3d,	B,	Oct. 1, 1861,	Wounded at Fair Oaks, and disch'd on that account, Feb. 15,
Harmon, George L.	Musician,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Wounded in action, May 10, 1864. Must. out July 27, 1864.
Hodgdon, Daniel R.	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Prom. corp. Re-enlisted 40th Me. Vet. Vols., Co. E. Transferred to navy.
Hodgdon, William B.	"	7th,	D,	Aug. 22, 1861,	Deserted Aug. 2, 1863.
Heale, Thomas G.	"	8th,	I,	Sept. 7, 1861,	Killed in action, near Jacksonville, Fla., March 25, 1863.
Hammond, Henry W.	"	15th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1861,	Prom. corp. and sergt. Mustered out Jan. 19, 1865.
Harmon, Albert,	"	15th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1861,	Discharged for disability, and died at home.
Hawes, J. F.	"	1st Cavalry,	K,	Nov. 2, 1861,	Deserted July 5, 1862.
Hutchinson, Albion D.	Sergeant,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Discharged for disability in 1863.
Hammond, David N.	Private,	15th,	I,	Dec. 31, 1861,	Transferred to Co. F. Mustered out Jan. 19, 1864.
Harmon, Joseph F.	"	15th,	I,	Dec. 31, 1861,	Transferred to Co. F. Prom. corp. Must. out July 5, 1866.

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Haskell, George W.	Private,	Coast Guards,	B,	Oct. 29, 1861,	Must. out Sept. 9, '62. Re-enlisted in 25th Me., Co D. Must. out July 10, '63. Re-enlisted 30th Me. Vet Vols., Co. E. Taken prisoner and exchanged. Disch'd Sept. 11, '65.
Hinkson, Algernon W.	Corporal,	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Died at home in 1863.
Hunt, Benjamin S.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Resigned his warrant. Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Harding, Charles W.	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Harmon, George A.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863. Re-enlisted 30th Me Vet Vols., Co. E. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Harmon, John,	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863. Re-enlisted 30th Me. Vet. Vols., Co. E. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Haskell, George F.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Hill, Charles H.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Died Dec. 28, 1862
Howes, Lorenzo D	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Harmon, William C.	"	30th,	E,	Dec. 12, 1863,	Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Hammond, James, Jr.	"	16th,	A,	Sept. 23, 1864,	Mustered out June 5, 1865.
Hall, James B.	"	Unassigned Inf.	19th,	Mar. 21, 1865,	Mustered out May 23, 1865.
Hunter, Alexander,	"	"	29th,	April 15, 1865,	Mustered out May 19, 1865.
Harrington, George,	"	15th,	B,	Jan. 28, 1865,	Deserted March 21, 1865.
Haskell, Isaac L.	"	22d Mass.	B,	Jan. 28, 1865,	
Johnson, Samuel L.	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Prom. sergt. Reduced to ranks. Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Joyce, Lawrence J.	Captain,	15th,	F,	Dec. 17, 1861,	Mustered out March 13, 1865.
Johnson, Charles R.	Private,	1st Cavalry,	K,	Nov. 2, 1861,	Prom. corp. Killed in action, June 19, 1863. Distinguished
Jordan, Dennis R.	"	15th,	F,	Feb. 1, 1864,	Discharged by order, Dec. 6, 1865.
Knox, George,	Chaplain,	1st,	D,	May 3, 1861,	Mustered out May 8, 1863.
Keay, John H.	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Deserted in 1861. Re-enlisted in April, 1865, 29th Co. Un-
Knight, Charles A.	Corporal,	4th,	G,	June 15, 1861,	assigned Inf. Must. out May 19, 1865. [Fredericksburg.
Knowlton, C. C.	Private,	22d Mass.	G,	June 15, 1861,	Died at Richmond, Va., Jan. 14, 1862, from wounds rec'd at
Lemont, Adam,	Private,	3d,	A,	June 4, 1861,	Died from wounds.
Lunt, Lewis H.	Sergeant,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Prom. 2d lieutenant and 1st lieutenant. Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Lubee, William.	Private,	8th,	D,	Sept. 7, 1861,	Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Lunt, William H.	"		I,		Died at Hilton Head, Jan. 21, 1862.

Lyons, John E. M.	15th,	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Discharged Aug. 17, 1862. Died at New York.
Lee, Charles,	15th,	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Discharged July 21, 1862.
Lake, Osborne,	15th,	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Died at New Orleans, Oct. 6, 1863.
Luthee, John,	15th,	I,	Dec.	31, 1861,	Transferred to Co. F. Mustered out Jan. 19, 1865.
Lewis, James H.	19th,	K,	Aug.	25, 1862,	Killed at Gettysburg.
Lunt, Josiah, Jr.	20th,	G,	Aug.	29, 1862,	Discharged by Order No. 94. Died.
Libby, A. J.	25th,	D,	Sept.	29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Lunt, William H.	25th,	D,	Sept.	29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Linscott, James E.	30th,	H,	Jan.	6, 1864,	Died of disease, July 5, 1864.
Lyons, John W.	1st Bat'y Me'd Art.	A,	April	16, 1864,	Wounded. Prom. corp. Mustered out July 15, 1865.
Leavitt, Charles C.	16th,	C,	Sept.	23, 1864,	Mustered out June 5, 1865.
Lee, William A.	20th,	H,	Nov.	13, 1863,	Discharged by order, Aug. 22, 1865.
Lubee, Levi.	30th,		Jan.	6, 1864,	Transferred to Co. G. Discharged May 23, 1865.
Leavitt, James W.	U. S. Navy,			1862,	
Manning, Stephen H.	1st,		May	3, 1861,	No further record given.
McAlister, William B.	5th,	A,	June	24, 1861,	Discharged July 30, 1861.
Moody, James,	7th,	B,	Aug.	21, 1861,	Died Sept. 28, 1862.
McClay, Thomas,	5th,	D,	June	24, 1861,	Disch'd for disability, Feb. 20 1862 Re-enlisted 20th Me.
Miller, Samuel,	5th,		June	24, 1861,	Discharged Aug. 1, 1861. Re-enlisted 15th Me., Co. F.
Moody, Alonzo J.	9th,	B,	Oct.	8, 1861,	Prom. corp. Died at New Orleans, July 15, 1864.
Maliday, James,	15th,	F,	Dec.	17, 1861,	Prom. corp. Mustered out Sept. 27, 1864.
Mitchell, Chas. B.	15th,	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Deserted Aug. 17, 1864.
Magree, Joseph,	15th,	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Died at Brunswick, April 15, 1862.
McDonough, Michael,	15th,	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Mustered out Jan. 19, 1865.
Merrill, James W.	1st Cavalry,	K,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Died in New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1863.
Merrill, Albert G.	1st Cavalry,	K,	Nov.	2, 1861,	Deserted July 5, 1862.
Moore, George W.	4th Bat Me'd Art.	K,	Nov.	2, 1861,	Mustered out Nov. 25, 1864.
Moody, William C.	5th,	D,	Dec.	21, 1861,	Mustered out Dec. 20, 1864.
Mitchell, Charles R.	15th,		Dec.	21, 1861,	Term expired and discharged in action May 12, 1864. Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Morrell, William W.	20th,	F,	Feb.	24, 1862,	Discharged at New Orleans, Sept. 21, 1864. Died.
Möller, William,	25th,	K,	Aug.	29, 1862,	Prom 1st lieut. and capt. Killed May 8, 1864.
Morse, John,	1st Cavalry,	B,	Sept.	29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Melcher, Samuel G.	20th,	C,	Aug.	18, 1862,	Discharged May 28, 1865.
Mooney, Nicholas,	22d,	C,	July	1, 1861,	Transferred from 2d Me. Re-enlisted. Taken prisoner.
Mustard, James P.	Unassigned Inf'y,	C,	Mar.	23, 1864,	Mustered out July 16, 1865.
			Mar.	24, 1865,	Transferred to 31st Me. Mustered out May 19, 1865.
					Mustered out May 23, 1865.



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Mitchell, William,	Private,	15th,	F,	Jan. 25, 1864,	Deserted Aug. 17, 1864.
Mehegan, John,	"	15th,	F,	Feb. 1, 1864,	" " " "
Mathews, John H.	"	15th,	F,	Feb. 23, 1865,	Died Sept. 23, 1865.
Mountfort, Vincent,	2d Lieut.	24th,	F,	Oct. 13, 1862,	Prom. capt. Mustered out Aug. 23, 1863. Appointed 1st Lieut. 1st Regt. D. C. Cav. Co. K. Killed in action Sept. 16, 1864.
Muir, Robert,		24th Mass.		1862,	
Marin, Jose,		U. S. Navy,		Oct. 21, 1864,	Term three years. Substitute.
Noyes, Charles J.	Corporal,	11th,	A,	Nov. 7, 1861,	Discharged for disability in 1862. Re-enlisted sergt. 25th, Co. D. Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Noyes, Frank E.	Private,	11th,	A,	Nov. 7, 1861,	Mustered out Nov. 18, 1864. Re-enlisted U. S. Vet. Vols. May 7, 1865.
Nichols, James H.	1st Lieut.	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Resigned March 1, 1864.
Newhall, Enoch F.	Private,	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Prom. corp. and sergt. Discharged in 1864-5.
Nudd, Daniel H.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Wagoner. Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Owen, Jires W., Jr.	Sergeant,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Discharged Aug. 20, 1861. Consumption.
Owen, Jere,	Private,	4th Bat. M'd Art.	D,	Dec. 21, 1861,	Prom. corp. Re-enlisted. Prom sergt. Died Aug. 10, 1864.
Owen, Clinton,	"	1st Bat. Inf. unas d,	D,	April 5, 1865,	Discharged by order Oct. 20, 1865.
Pollard, Joseph H.	Private,	8th,	L,	Sept. 7, 1861,	"To be confined in prison during remainder of enlistments by order court-martial." Re-enlisted in 1864. Deserted Aug. 9, 1865.
Potter, William S.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Killed in action July 23, 1864.
Prindall, William,	"	10th,	F,	Oct. 4, 1861,	Deserted Jan. 30, 1862. Re-enlisted U. S. Vet Vols April, [1865.
Proctor, Warren,	"	19th,	K,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Transferred to Vet. Res. Corps. Discharged June 26, 1865.
Perkins, Charles J.	Corporal,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Prom. sergt. Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Pierce, Elias D.	Corporal,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Re-enlisted 30th Me Vet. Vols. Co. E. Discharged for disability July 13, 1865.
Parker, Gustavus,	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Pellard, William P.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Re-enlisted 30th Me. Vet. Vols. Co. E. Died from wounds received at Pleasant Hill, La
Pollard, Nathaniel,	"	30th Vet Vols.	E,	Dec. 12, 1863,	Wounded and died in hands of enemy April 19, 1864.
Pollard, Melvin,	"	30th Vet. Vols.	E,	Dec. 12, 1863,	Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.

Pollard, Elisha.	Private.	30th Vet. Vols.	E,	Dec. 12, 1863,	Discharged Jan. 19, 1865.
Puckard, Alpheus S., Jr.	Asst. Surg.	1st Vet. Vols.	A,	Oct. 8, 1864,	Mustered out June 28, 1865.
Porter, John W.	Private.	16th.	A,	Sept. 25, 1864,	Mustered out June 5, 1865.
Parsons, Jeremiah,	"	1st Bat. Infantry,	D,	April 5, 1865,	Died of disease Oct. 25, 1865.
Parshley, John W.	"	12th.	H,	Mar. 16, 1865,	Mustered out March 16, 1866.
Poole, Charles,	U. S. Navy,	U. S. Navy,		1862,	Term of one year. Volunteer.
Prentice, Sincem,	"	U. S. Navy,		Aug. 22, 1864,	
Roberts, Charles C.	Musician,	7th,	B,	Aug. 21, 1861,	Discharged in 1863.
Rackliff, Nathaniel,	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Died at Washington. Date unknown.
Ramsdell, George A.	"	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Died from wounds received. [Killed in action.
Richards, Joseph G.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Prom. corp. Re-enlisted New York Heavy Art. Co. B.
Robinson, John A.	"	30th,	H,	Jan. 6, 1864,	Killed in action April 23, 1864, battle of Kane River, La.
Roller, George,	"	1st Vet.	E,	Aug. 5, 1864,	Substitute. Deserted.
Reed, Amos A.	"	12th,	H,	Mar. 16, 1865,	Mustered out March 16, 1866.
Regan, John P.	"	15th,	G,	Jan. 18, 1865,	Died Oct. 16, 1865.
Smith, Jeremiah,	Private,	15th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1861,	Died at New Orleans, Feb. 19, 1864.
Smith, Jefferson,	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Wounded May 3, 1863. Transferred to Invalid Corps Feb., 1864. Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Smith, James,	Private,	4th Bat. M'd Art.	B,	Dec. 21, 1861,	Discharged Dec. 29, 1864. Term expired.
Small, Lemuel, C.	Corporal,	7th,		Aug. 21, 1861,	Prom. sergt. and 2d lieu. Transferred to Co. G, 1st Vet. Vols. Acting A. D. C. on Brig. staff. Term expired Feb. 10, 1865.
Southard, Amaziah,	Private,	4th Bat. M'd Art.		Dec. 21, 1861,	Discharged Dec. 29, 1864. Term expired.
Shaw, James H.	"	19th,	E,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Prom. corp. Died of wounds May 25, 1864-5.
Smith, Melville,	"	19th,	K,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Discharged by order June 6, 1865.
Strout, Thomas W.	"	20th,	D,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Discharged in Jan., 1863.
Stetson, Alfred D.	2d Lieut.	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Strout, Charles W.	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Transferred to Invalid Corps in 1862. Mustered out July 27, 1864. Re-enlisted U. S. Vet. Vols. Feb. 1865.
Stone, Charles E.	"	5th,	D,	June 14, 1861,	Discharged Oct. 3, 1861.
Stinchfield, Charles E.	"	8th,	I,	Sept. 7, 1861,	Re-enlisted, det. in Sharpshooters. Prom. corp. and sergt. Mustered out Jan. 18, 1866.
Stimpson, Warren,	"	8th,	I,	Sept. 9, 1861,	Discharged for disability.
Smith, Charles,	"	15th,	C,	Jan. 18, 1865,	Deserted July 5, 1865.
Strout, Robert P.	"	15th,	F,	Dec. 12, 1861,	Discharged July 21, 1862.
Snow, John,	"	12th,	H,	Mar. 13, 1865,	Mustered out March 16, 1866.
Stimpson, William H.	Sergeant,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Sawyer, George A.	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Re-enlisted 30th Me. Vet. Vol., Co. E. Died of disease, Dec. [25, 1864.

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Sawyer, William H.	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Stimpson, William R.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Snow, Abizer F.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Musician. Mustered out July 10, 1863. Re-enlisted in 29th Co. Unass'd Inf., April 25, 1865. Must. out May 19, 1865.
Snow, Melvin M.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Stanwood, David E.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Swett, Eben.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Discharged for disability, Dec 10, 1862.
Swett, Samuel	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863. [Res. Corps.
Stone, George E.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Re-enlisted 30th Me. Vet Vol. Wounded; transf'd to Vet.
Shepherd, Marcellus M.	"	3d,	D,	Aug. 18, 1863,	Trans. to 17th Me. and 1st Heavy Art. Must. out Sept 11, 1865.
Sawyer, James.	"	30th,	E,	Dec. 29, 1863,	Died of disease.
Strout, Joseph W.	"	30th,	H,	Jan. 6, 1864,	Transferred to Co. A. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Sawyer, James F.	"	30th,	E,	Dec. 29, 1863,	Died of disease.
Smyth, Newman.	1st Lieut.	16th,	E,	Sept. 15, 1864,	Mustered out June 5, 1865.
Smith, Henry S. B.	Private,	32d,	A,	April 19, 1864,	Prom. assist surg. Transf'd to 31st Me. Must. out July 15, [1865.
Stanwood, Franklin,	"	2d Sharpshooters,	D,	Feb. 24, 1864,	Killed at Battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864.
Spollett, George A.	"	9th,	E,	Aug. 6, 1863,	Mustered out July 13, 1865.
Stetson, Joseph E.	"	16th,	A,	Sept. 23, 1864,	Prom. corp. Mustered out June 5, 1865.
Stilkey, Andrew J.	"	20th	A,	Feb. 10, 1865,	Mustered out July 16, 1865.
Stanwood, Aubrey,	"	Unassigned Inf'y,	29th,	April 25, 1865,	Mustered out May 19, 1865.
Scott, Edwin,	"	Mass Regt.		1862,	
Stanwood, Samuel E.	"	U. S. Navy,		1862,	
Toothaker, George A.	Private,	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Discharged in 1864.
Thorn, John F.	"	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Discharged by order, June 15, 1865.
Town, Alfred M.	"	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Died in Andersonville Prison.
Toothaker, William H.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Thompson, Albert V.	"	4th Bat. Mt'd Art.		Dec. 21, 1861,	Deserted July, 1863.
Tarr, George.	Artificer,	1st Veterans,	A,	Jan. 16, 1864,	Transferred to Co. H. Mustered out June 28, 1865.
Thomas, Benjamin C.	Private,	31st,	H,	April 21, 1864,	Discharged July 31, 1865.
Thomas, William H.	"	31st,	H,	April 21, 1864,	Deserted, arrested and sentenced by court-martial. Re-enlisted in U. S. Vet Vols., April 14, 1865.
Thompson, Edward W.	Captain,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Resig'd Sept. 8, 1861. App'd capt. 1st Batt'y Mounted Art., Oct 5 1861. Resig'd Dec. 5, 1862. App'd capt 12th Inf., Co. G, March 1, 1865. Mustered out March 6, 1866.



Thayer, Pliny M.	Private,	9th,	B,	Sept.	22, 1861,	Mustered out Sept. 27, 1864.
Tarr, John,	"	15th,	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Died at Brazos Isle, Tex., Nov. 1, 1863.
Thompson, Simon B.	"	15th,	F,	Dec.	17, 1861,	Died at New Orleans, Jan. 28, 1864.
Toothaker, Levi,	"	1st Cavalry,	F,	Oct.	19, 1861,	Prom. corp. Mustered out Nov. 25, 1864.
Thompson, Albert V.	"	4th Bat. Me'd Art.	I,	Dec.	21, 1861,	Deserted July 18, 1862.
Toothaker, Seth,	"	15th,	I,	Jan.	1, 1862,	Transferred to Co. F. Re-enlisted. Must. out July 5, 1865.
Taylor, Calvin G.	U. S. Navy,	U. S. Navy,			1862,	
Turner, George,	U. S. Navy,	U. S. Navy,			Dec. 14, 1864,	Term of three years. Substitute.
Vickery, Albert,	Private,	5th,	D,	June	24, 1861,	Must. out July 27, 1864. Re-enlisted U. S. Vet. Vols., 1865.
Vickery, Charles B.	"	5th,	D,	June	24, 1861,	Must. out July 27, 1864. Re-enlisted U. S. Vet. Vols., 1865.
Varney, Almon L.	Lieutenant,	13th,	D,	Dec.	9, 1861,	Prom. capt. Mustered out Jan. 6, 1865.
Varney, Edward L.	Corporal,	16th,	F,	Aug.	14, 1862,	Died in rebel prison, Nov. 2, 1863.
Wilson, Asa,	Corporal,	2d,	F,	May	21, 1861,	Died Oct. 1, 1862, of wounds received at Groveton.
Williams, A. A. C.	Ass't Surg	1st,		May	2, 1861,	Mustered out Aug. 5, 1861.
Whitney, John,	Private,	11th,	A,	Oct.	15, 1864,	Deserted Jan. 1, 1866. [Vols., April 7, 1865.
Whitney, Dunham,	"	5th,	D,	June	24, 1861,	Prom. corp. Must. out July 27, 1864. Re-enlisted U. S. Vet.
Wentworth, Alfred D.	"	7th,	K,	Aug.	21, 1861,	Discharged for disability in October, 1862. Died at home.
Welch, Milton W.	"	9th,	B,	Sept.	22, 1861,	Killed in action at Drury's Bluff, May 18, 1864.
Ward, Hugh H.	"	15th,	F,	Feb.	16, 1865,	Term expired and discharged Feb. 16, 1866. [Mar. 6, 1866.
Ward, Albon,	"	15th,	F,	Dec.	12, 1865,	Must. out Jan. 19, 1864. Re-enlisted. Term exp'd and disch'd.
Ward, Joel,	"	15th,	F,	Dec.	12, 1865,	Must. out Jan. 19, 1864. Re-enlisted. Deserted Aug. 3, 1865.
Walker, William A.	"	5th	D,	Sept.	16, 1862,	Killed in action at Cold Harbor, Va., Jan. 3, 1864.
Walker, George A.	"	16th,	A,	Sept.	23, 1864,	Mustered out June 5, 1865.
Williston, George, Jr.	"	1st Cavalry,	F,	Oct.	19, 1861,	Disch'd in '62. Re-enlisted 7th Bat. Md. Art. in '63. Must.
Ward, George C.	"	15th,	F,	Jan.	5, 1862,	Died March 21, 1864, in Louisiana.
Whitlesay, Eliphalet,	Chaplain,	19th,		Aug.	16, 1862,	Prom. to A. A. G. Vols. Resigned and entered U. S. Army
Walker, George A.	U. S. Navy,	U. S. Navy,				
Wilson, Elbert,	U. S. Navy,	U. S. Navy,				
Whitney, William H.	Private,	20th,	K,	Oct.	21, 1864,	Term three years. Substitute.
Wentworth, John T.	"	25th,	D,	Aug.	24, 1862,	Wounded. Discharged by order, June 7, 1865.
Winslow, Stephen,	"	25th,	D,	Sept.	29, 1862,	Mustered out in 1863. Re-enlisted 12th Me. in 1865. Dis-
						charged by order, Nov. 13, 1865.
						Mustered out July 10, 1863.
York, Abizer,	Private,	15th,	F,	Dec.	12, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Promoted serg't. Mustered out July 5, 1866.
York, Charles L.	"	25th,	D,	Sept.	25, 1862,	Promoted to 7th corp. Mustered out July 10, 1863.
York, Charles D.	"	9th,	B,	Sept.	22, 1861,	Mustered out Sept. 22, 1864.

Total number . . . . . 358.

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NAME.	Rank.	Regiment.	Co.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge or Death, and Remarks.
Alexander, Randall T.	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Wounded in action May 10, 1864. Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Adams, Thomas,	"	13th,	F,	Dec. 10, 1861,	Died at New Orleans July 31, 1864.
Arris, George A.	"	19th,	F,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Mustered out May 31, 1865.
Alexander, John L.	"	24th,	A,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863.
Allen, Ira O.	"	15th,	B,	Feb. 13, 1865,	Term expired and discharged Feb. 15, 1866.
Anderson, William Y.	"	15th,	B,	Jan. 20, 1865,	Term expired and discharged Feb. 15, 1866.
Blondell, Emery P.	Corporal,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Taken prisoner at battle of Bull Run. Exchanged in 1862, Killed in action May 12, 1864.
Booker, Israel,	Private,	7th,	K,	Aug. 21, 1861,	Deserted in 1863.
Barron, James T.	"	5th,	D,	Sept. 16, 1862,	Discharged for disability Jan. 15, 1863.
Berry, Andrew J.	"	19th,	F,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Prom. corp. Killed in action May 24, 1864.
Brawn, Oliver, Jr.	Corporal,	30th,	H,	Jan. 6, 1864,	Not accounted for in final record of company Jan. 1, 1865.
Bingham, Henry,	Wagoner,	U. S. Navy,	7th,	Oct. 25, 1864,	Mustered out July 6, 1865.
Barry, William,	"	U. S. Navy,	"	Dec. 1, 1864,	Term three years. Volunteer.
Clough, Charles A.	Corporal,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Colby, George L.	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Wounded in action May 10, 1864. Must'd out July 27, 1864.
Carey, George A.	"	5th,	D,	Sept. 16, 1862,	Transf'd to 1st Vets. in 1864. Disch'd by order June 16, 1865.
Carey, Seth F.	"	5th,	D,	Sept. 16, 1862,	Transf'd to 1st Vets. in 1864. Disch'd by order June 16, 1865.
Corliss, John,	"	15th,	G,	Jan. 30, 1862,	Deserted in 1862. Re-enlisted corp. 30th Vet. Vols. in 1864.
Chase, George E.	"	19th,	F,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Corey, Robert H.	"	19th,	F,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Killed in action Oct. 22, 1864.
Cannon, Isaac L.	"	24th,	A,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Mustered out May 31, 1865.
Coburn, John,	"	24th,	A,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863.
Coombs, Clement W.	"	24th,	A,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Died Jan. 15, 1863.
					Mustered out in 1863. Re-enlisted 1st D. C. Cav. in 1864.
					Wounded and prisoner June 24, 1864. Discharged for disability May 4, 1865.
Coombs, George L.	"	24th,	A,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Died July 8, 1863.
Crowley, George A.	"	4th,	F,	Aug. 28, 1863,	Transferred to 1st Heavy Art. Mustered out Sept. 11, 1865.
					Was in U. S. Navy in 1862.
Chase, James F.	"	19th,	F,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Wounded. Mustered out May 31, 1865.

Crane, Jonathan, Coombs, James H. Colby, Hiram K. Colby, Amos H. Curtis, John W. Clark, Clinton, Catou, Henry, Castle, Patrick, Clancy, Andrew, Colby, Daniel G.	Private, "	19th, 1st Cavalry, 13th, 30th, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy,	F, A, A, H,  U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy,	Aug. 25, 1862, Feb. 19, 1864, Sept. 25, 1864, Jan. 6, 1864, 1862, 3, 1864, 17, 1864, 30, 1864, 26, 1864, 4, 1865,	From corp. Mustered out May 31, 1865. Transferred from D. C. Cav. Died March, 1864. Died at Morgauzia, La.  Three years' volunteer. Three years' volunteer. Three years' volunteer. One year's substitute.  Re-enlisted 8th Me. 1863. Wounded at Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864. Discharged May 15, 1865. Died June 5, 1863. Det. in Signal Corps. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863. Died of disease June 5, 1863. Transferred to 17th Me. and to 1st Me Heavy Art. Mustered out Sept. 11, 1865. Transferred from D. C. Cavalry. Discharged June 5, 1865. Transferred from D. C. Cavalry. Discharged July 22, 1865. Mustered out June 5, 1865.
Doughty, Alvin S.	Private,	10th,	K,	Oct. 4, 1865,	Re-enlisted 8th Me. 1863. Wounded at Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864. Discharged May 15, 1865.
Dunlap, James G. Dennett, Alfred W. Dunlap, Melville C. Doughty, Nelson, Drinkwater, Albion C. Dudley, David Y. Drinkwater, Edward H.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	19th, 24th, 24th, 3d, 1st Cavalry, 1st Cavalry, 16th,	F, A, F, D, A, I, A,	Aug. 25, 1862, Oct. 11, 1862, Oct. 20, 1862, Aug. 18, 1863, Feb. 19, 1864, Feb. 23, 1864, Sept. 25, 1864,	Det. in Signal Corps. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863. Died of disease June 5, 1863. Transferred to 17th Me. and to 1st Me Heavy Art. Mustered out Sept. 11, 1865. Transferred from D. C. Cavalry. Discharged June 5, 1865. Transferred from D. C. Cavalry. Discharged July 22, 1865. Mustered out June 5, 1865.
Edgecomb, Gilbert L. Eaton, Alphens F. Eagan, John, Eldridge, Charles,	Private, " " " " " "	6th, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy,	C,	July 15, 1861, 15, 1862, Nov. 18, 1864, Dec. 1, 1864,	Mustered out July 27, 1864. Three years' volunteer. Three years' volunteer.
Fall, Jonathan P. C. Foye, John A. Foster, Phillip H. Fitzpatrick, Cornelius, Flye, William, Farrar, Daniel, Freeman, Joseph M.	1st Lieut. Private, Corporal, Private, " " " " " "	9th, 5th, 19th, 17th, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy,	B, I, F, K,	Sept. 22, 1861, Sept. 8, 1862, Aug. 25, 1862, Sept. 2, 1863, 1862, Nov. 16, 1864, Nov. 21, 1864,	From capt.; resigned May 2, 1863. Re-enlisted capt. Co. H, 30th Me. Vet. Vols. Mustered out Jan. 1, 1865. Died Jan. 23, 1863, at Windmill Point, Va. From 1st sergt. Disch'd by order War Dept. July 11, 1865. Died of disease Feb. 6, 1865. Three years' volunteer. Three years' volunteer.
Goud, Warren W. Goud, Aiden Q. Graves, Isaac E. Goud, Geo. H.	Musician, " " Private, " "	3d, 24th, 24th, 9th,	D, A, A, E,	June 4, 1861, Oct. 11, 1862, Oct. 11, 1862, Mar. 18, 1864,	Mustered out June 28, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863. Mustered out July 13, 1865.



NAME.	Rank.	Regiment.	Co.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge or Death, and Remarks.
Green, Henry W.		U. S. Navy,		1862,	
Graves, Daniel A.		U. S. Navy,		Aug. 26, 1864,	One year volunteer.
Goodwin, John.		U. S. Navy,		Nov. 20, 1864,	Three years' volunteer.
Graves, Marshall B.		U. S. Navy,		Aug. 31, 1864,	One year substitute.
Haley, John.	Private,	3d,	A,	June 4, 1861,	Deserted Sept. 17, 1862.
Haley, James A.	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Discharged Aug. 61. Re-enlisted in 1864 corp. 30th Regt. Co H. Died in hospital.
Haley, Alonzo,	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Prom. corp. and 1st sergt. Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Howland, James E.	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Wounded in action May 10, 1864. Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Hunter, Charles C.	"	7th,	D,	Aug. 22, 1861,	1864. Re-enlisted U. S. Vet. Vols. in 1865.
Hunter, Robert D.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Prom. sergt. Mustered out Sept. 27, 1864.
Hunter, Wildes O.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Mustered out Sept. 27, 1864.
Harrington, Al C.	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Howland, Enoch.	"	16th,	I,	Aug. 14, 1862,	Died Feb. 24, 1865, of wounds received in action.
Harrington, Charles D.	"	19th,	E,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Mustered out May 31, 1865.
House, George M.	Private,	19th,	F,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Mustered out May 31, 1865.
Haskell, George O.	Sergeant,	24th,	A,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Mustered out Aug. 25, 1865.
Haskell, Henry A.	Private,	29th,	E,	Nov. 13, 1863,	Deserted June 1, 1865.
Hunter, Fred A.		U. S. Navy,		Aug. 31, 1864,	One year substitute.
Hunter, Belleville R.		U. S. Navy,		Aug. 31, 1864,	One year substitute.
Howland, William M.		U. S. Navy,		Sept. 26, 1864,	One year volunteer.
Howe, James,		U. S. Navy,		Nov. 20, 1864,	Three years' volunteer.
Joice, William,	Private,	U. S. Navy,		Nov. 19, 1864,	Three years' volunteer.
Jack, William H.		15th,	B,	Dec. 7, 1861,	Disch'd for prom. to 2d lieut. in 2d La. Eng. Cps. d' Af.
Johnson, Samuel E.	Com. Serg.	24th,	A,	Sept. 28, 1862,	Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863.
Johnson, Samuel L.	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Lavrey, John H.	Musician,	Unassigned Inf'y,		Oct. 25, 1865,	Mustered out July 6, 1865.
Lawrey, Samuel K.	Private,	24th,	E,	Nov. 13, 1865,	Mustered out June 27, 1866.
Leavitt, Alfred W.	"	1st Bat. U. n'd Inf'y,	A,	Mar. 29, 1865,	Mustered out April 5, 1866.
Lindsay, Alexr. G.	"	Unassigned Inf'y,		April 14, 1865,	Mustered out May 19, 1865.
Lanigan, Edward H.	"	9th,	G,	Mar. 25, 1864,	Mustered out July 10, 1865.

Lee, John.	Private,	U. S. Navy,	Nov. 3, 1864,	Three years' volunteer.
Mason, William,		U. S. Navy,	Nov. 18, 1864,	Three years' volunteer.
Mine, Jabez B.	Private,	U. S. Navy,	June 24, 1861,	Prom. corp. Taken prisoner. Exchanged. Mustered out July 27, 1864. Re-enlisted U. S. Vet. Vols. in 1865.
Marriner, Charles E.		5th,		Prom. 1st lieut. Co. F in 1863. Acting-adjutant. Prom. capt. in 1864. Transferred to Co. H. Mustered out July 16, 1865.
Melcher, Holman S.	Corporal,	20th,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863. Re-enlisted 30th Me. in 1864, and deserted.
Moody, Isaiah,	Private,	24th,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Prom. sergt. Mustered out July 13, 1865.
Manning, Marcus,	"	9th,	Jan. 1, 1864,	Discharged for disability, Feb. 9, 1863. [May 31, 1865.
Niles, Albion S.	Private,	17th,	Aug. 18, 1862,	Hospital attendant at regiment headquarters. Mustered out Discharged Jan. 8, 1863.
Nickerson, William J.	"	19th,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Noyes, Zina H.	Corporal,	24th,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Mustered out May 23, 1865.
Nash, Joseph B.	"	30th,	Jan. 6, 1864,	
Nickerson, Amos R.	Private,	Unassigned Inf'y,	Mar. 21, 1865,	
Nickerson, C. H.		U. S. Navy,	1862,	
Niles, Emory E.		U. S. Navy,	1862,	
Orr, Josiah,	Private,	25th,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Parker, Lorenzo,	Private,	29th,	Nov. 13, 1863,	Wounded. Discharged by order, Aug. 22, 1865.
Pray, Samuel E.	"	1st Heavy Art.	Dec. 12, 1863,	Prom. corp. Mustered out Sept. 11, 1865.
Perkins, Charles I.		U. S. Navy,	Aug. 31, 1864,	One year volunteer.
Pratt, Thomas,		U. S. Navy,	Nov. 8, 1864,	Three years' volunteer.
Randall, Cyrus C.	Private,	9th,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Prom. corp. Mustered out Sept. 27, 1864.
Ross, Thomas,	"	9th,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Mustered out Sept. 27, 1864.
Royal, George H.	"	20th,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Prom. corp. Killed in action, Sept. 30, 1864.
Ricker, Rufus W.	Sergeant,	24th,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863.
Reed, Edwin W.	Private,	24th,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Died June 19, 1863.
Rogers, James H.	"	1st Heavy Art.	Dec. 1, 1863,	Died May 14, 1864.
Russell, George,	"	U. S. Vet. Vols.	April 11, 1865,	Three years' substitute.
Ryan, John,		U. S. Navy,	Dec. 3, 1864,	
Smith, John,		U. S. Navy,	Nov. 17, 1864,	Three years' volunteer.
Silver, John,		U. S. Navy,	Dec. 1, 1864,	Three years' volunteer.
Selagan, Roger,		U. S. Navy,	Nov. 19, 1864,	Three years' volunteer.
Smith, John J.	Sergeant,	5th,	June 24, 1861,	Discharged for disability, March 7, 1862. Re-enlisted U. S. Navy.

N A M E.	Rank.	Regiment.	Co.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge or Death, and Remarks.
Staples, Elbridge B.	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Re-enlisted 24th Me., Co. A., in 1862. Died July 5, 1863.
Stuart, Thomas.	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Small, Charles H.	2d Lieut	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Prom. capt., Oct. 10, 1864. Mustered out July 27, 1864.
Staples, Charles E.	Private,	5th,	D,	Sept. 16, 1862,	Died at Washington, Feb. 20, 1863.
Sprague, Thomas H.	"	5th,	I,	Sept. 8, 1862,	Discharged for disability, Feb. 24, 1863.
Staples, Charles A.	"	24th,	A,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863.
Stinson, Henry M.	"	24th,	A,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Must. out Aug. 25, 1863. Re-enlisted in 1864, sergt. Co. H., 30th Me. Vet. Vols. Not accounted for on transfer rolls.
Stinson, William A.	"	30th,	H,	Jan. 1, 1864,	Mustered out Aug. 20, 1865.
Stinson, Frank H.	"	16th,	A,	Sept. 23, 1864,	Mustered out June 5, 1865.
Simmons, James D.	"	Unassigned Inf'y,	13th,	Mar. 21, 1865,	Mustered out May 23, 1865.
Trufant, Franklin S.	"	15th,	B,	Sept. 28, 1864,	Discharged May 27, 1865.
Trufant, Adam O.	"	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Discharged September, 1861. Re-enlisted 15th Me., Co. B.
Thompson, Collins B.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Discharged by order, May 31, 1865.
					Re-enlisted 5th Me., Co. D. Transferred to Co. B, 1st Vets., in 1864. Discharged by order, June 16, 1865.
Whitten, Benjamin F.	Corporal,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Re-enlisted sergt. 9th Me. Prom. 2d lieut., 1st lieut. in 1863, and capt. in 1864. Mustered out July 13, 1865.
Work, Oscar O.	Private,	5th,	D,	June 24, 1861,	Re-enlisted 24th Me. in 1862. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863.
Ward, John F.	"	5th,	E,	June 24, 1861,	Killed in battle, May 3, 1863.
Work, Lewis M.	"	9th,	B,	Sept. 22, 1861,	Re-enlisted. Killed June 30, 1864.
White, George R.	"	14th,	D,	Dec. 28, 1861,	Died Sept. 4, 1862.
Work, Joseph P.	"	13th,	F,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Discharged for disability, Sept. 25, 1863.
Whitten, Milton G.	"	24th,	A,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Died March 19, 1863.
Ward, Charles,	"	24th,	A,	Oct. 11, 1862,	Mustered out Aug. 25, 1863.
Ward, Isaac.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 25, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Ward, William A.	U. S. Navy,	U. S. Navy,		Nov. 28, 1864,	Three years' volunteer.
Wilson, Henry,	U. S. Navy,	U. S. Navy,			

Total number . . . . . 144.



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NAME.	Rank.	Regiment.	Co.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge or Death, and Remarks.
Alexander, Andrew D.	Private,	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Wounded May 5, 1864. Discharged.
Allen, Joseph,	"	8th,	D,	Oct. 8, 1863,	Mustered out Jan. 18, 1866.
Aiken, Edmund,		U. S. Navy,		Sept. 5, 1864,	Three years' substitute.
Alrens, William,		U. S. Navy,		Sept. 16, 1864,	Three years' substitute.
Brown, Thomas,	Private,	1st Vets.	A,	Jan. 4, 1865,	Mustered out June 28, 1865.
Blake, Peter,		U. S. Navy,		Sept. 10, 1864,	Three years' substitute.
Coffin, John P.		U. S. Navy,		1862,	
Coffin, Edmund,		U. S. Navy,		1862,	
Coombs, William,	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Re-enlisted Sept. 16, 1864, for two years.
Curtis, Clement S.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Curtis, Oliver G.	"	17th,	F,	Aug. 18, 1862,	Deserted, arrested, and discharged by furnishing a substitute. Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Catlin, William H.	"	20th,	K,	Aug. 28, 1862,	Prom. corp. Wounded. Mustered out June 4, 1865.
Courson, David H.	"	20th,	K,	Aug. 28, 1862,	Deserted from hospital in 1863.
Curtis, Stephen P.	"	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Died in rebel prison Sept. 9, 1864.
Card, George W.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Discharged in 1864.
Cole, Robert,	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Coombs, Joseph E.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Dresser, Gilman L.		U. S. Navy,		1862,	
Eastman, John R.		U. S. Navy,		1862,	
Field, Seward,	Private,	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Wounded at Fredericksburg. Discharged March 14, 1863.
Getchell, William H.	Private,	20th,	G,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Discharged by Order No. 94.
Gray, Edward,	"	15th,	F,	Mar. 7, 1865,	Discharged by order Oct. 16, 1865.
Green, Albert,		U. S. Navy,		Feb. 23, 1865,	Three years' substitute.
Holbrook, Israel,		U. S. Navy,		1862,	
Holbrook, James R.		U. S. Navy,		1862,	

NAME.	Rank.	Regiment.	No.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge or Death, and Remarks.
Johnson, James I.	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Leavitt, Abijah,	Private,	3d,	D,	June 4, 1861,	Discharged for disability Nov. 23, 1862.
Leeman, Thomas C.	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
McFarland, F. W.	Private,	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Deserted from hospital and arrested. No further record.
Matthews, Joseph,	"	25th,	D,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Not accounted for on muster out rolls.
Merriman, Hugh,	"	25th,	D,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Merriman, James,	"	25th,	D,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
McCarthy, Dennis,	"	15th,	F,	Mar. 9, 1865,	Mustered out July 5, 1866.
Mann, Solomon W.	"	U. S. Navy,			
Newton, William F.	Private,	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Wounded Sept. 30, 1864. Discharged.
Pennell, William B.	Private,	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Accidentally killed Feb. 25, 1864.
Pennell, David,	1st Lieut.	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Pottigrew, Andrew W.	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Died Feb. 8, 1863.
Purinton, Woodbury S.	"	U. S. Navy,			
Robinson, Thomas,	Private,	U. S. Navy,			Three years' substitute.
Russell, Chas. Edward,	"	9th,	B,	Feb. 23, 1865,	Re-enlisted. Wounded May 18, 1864. Discharged by order Aug. 9, 1865.
Randall, George L.	Corporal,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Ridley, Isaac M.	Private,	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Discharged for disability Jan. 12, 1863.
Russell, George G.	"	3d,	E,	Nov. 13, 1861,	Transferred to 17th Me. Discharged April 7, 1865.
Rogers, Frank H.	"	17th,	G,	Feb. 28, 1865,	Mustered out June 4, 1865.
Russell, Henry,	"	15th,	F,	May 14, 1865,	Mustered out July 5, 1866.
Roderick, Antonio,	"	15th,	G,	Feb. 1, 1865,	Died Aug. 26, 1865.
Southard, Joel,	Private,	20th,	K,	Aug. 29, 1862,	Discharged in 1864.
Southard, James,	"	25th,	D,	Sept. 29, 1862,	Mustered out July 10, 1863.
Shea, John,	"	15th,	F,	Mar. 9, 1865,	Deserted June 1, 1865.
Sawyer, John,	"	U. S. Navy,			
Smith, James C.	"	U. S. Navy,			Two years' volunteer.
Sheridan, Philip,	"	U. S. Navy,			Three years' substitute.

Smith, Henry,	U. S. Navy,			Sept. 16, 1834,	Three years' substitute.
Thomas, Benjamin C.	25th,	D,		Sept. 29, 1832,	Mustered out July 10, 1833.
Wilson, Edmund,	20th,	K,		Aug. 29, 1832,	Discharged for disability Feb. 16, 1833.
Worthing, William A.	20th,	K,		Aug. 29, 1832,	Discharged in 1834 or 1835.
Watson, James F.	U. S. Navy,			Feb. 27, 1835,	Three years' substitute.

Total number, 58.

Total number from the three towns, 560.



## APPENDIX VI.

## NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICERS.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRESS.

Robert P. Dunlap . . . . .	Brunswick, 1843 to 1847.
Charles J. Gilman . . . . .	" 1857 to 1859.
Benjamin Orr . . . . .	Topsham, 1817 to 1819.

## GOVERNORS OF MAINE.

Robert P. Dunlap . . . . .	Brunswick, 1834 to 1838.
Joshua L. Chamberlain . . . . .	" 1867 to 1871.

## MEMBERS OF GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL.

R. P. Dunlap . . . . .	Brunswick, 1833.
David Dunlap . . . . .	" 1841.
Marshall Cram . . . . .	" 1855.

## SECRETARY OF STATE.

Franklin M. Drew . . . . .	Brunswick, 1868 to 1871.
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## STATE TREASURER.

Abner B. Thompson . . . . .	Brunswick, 1831, 1832.
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## STATE COMMISSIONER.

Benjamin J. Porter . . . . .	Topsham, 1820, 1821.
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## ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

Abner B. Thompson . . . . .	Brunswick, 1839, 1840.
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## STATE SENATORS.

Jacob Abbot . . . . .	Brunswick, 1813-14-15.
John Barron . . . . .	Topsham, 1850.
Joseph Barron . . . . .	" 1859, 1860.
Henry Carvill . . . . .	Brunswick, 1870.
Marshall Cram . . . . .	" 1871.
Robert P. Dunlap . . . . .	" 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1830, 1831, 1832.
Daniel Elliott . . . . .	Brunswick, 1863.
Nathaniel Green . . . . .	Topsham, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1826.
John C. Humphreys . . . . .	Brunswick, 1839.
Samuel R. Jackson . . . . .	" 1847.
William H. Morse . . . . .	" 1848.
Jonathan Page . . . . .	" 1829.
Benjamin J. Porter . . . . .	Topsham, 1812, 1813.

Tobias Purinton . . . . .	Brunswick, 1836.
Elijah P. Pike . . . . .	" 1841.
George Rogers . . . . .	Topsham, 1837.
Clement Skolfield . . . . .	Harpswell, 1859, 1860.
Samuel Thompson . . . . .	Topsham, 1797.
Levi L. Totman . . . . .	Harpswell, 1840.
Abner B. Thompson . . . . .	Brunswick, 1856.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LEGISLATURE.

## FROM BRUNSWICK.

Peter O. Alden, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828.	Coan Jordan, 1869.
Henry H. Boody, 1857.	Adam Lemont, 1844, 1845.
James Cox, 1849, 1850.	Hartwell Little, 1874.
Marshall Cram, 1863, 1864, 1867, 1868, 1870.	Joseph Lunt, 2d, 1846, 1852.
James Curtis, Jr., 1809.	Joseph McKeen, 1819
Henry Carvill, 1872.	Capt. Joseph McLellan, 1821 (to fill vacancy).
William Curtis, 1829.	James F. Matthews, 1840.
William Curtis, 1847, 1848.	Benjamin H. Meeder, 1841, 1842, 1843.
Dr. Samuel Dunken, 1781.	Roger Merrill, 1823, 1824.
David Dunlap, 1810, 1812, 1813, 1815, 1816, 1820, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1837.	Henry Merritt, 1841.
John Dunlap, 1799, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805.	Capt. John Minot, 1796.
Robert P. Dunlap, 1821, 1822.	John M. O'Brien, 1834.
David Dunning, 1742, 1743.	Philip Owen, 1812, 1813.
Robert D. Dunning, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1814, 1816.	William Owen, 1785.
Ebenezer Everett, 1839.	Captain John Peterson, 1790, 1791, 1792.
Benjamin Furbish, 1854, 1861.	Elijah P. Pike, 1838.
Charles J. Gilman, 1853.	Henry Putnam, 1813.
Capt. Robert Given, 1806, 1807.	Thomas Skolfield, 1859, 1860.
Joseph C. Given, 1856, 1858.	Capt. William Stanwood, Jr., 1793, 1798
Dr. E. H. Goss, 1800.	Col. William Stanwood, 1794, 1795.
Samuel Hinkley, 1747.	Samuel Stanwood, 1776.
Geo. W. Holden, 1830.	Alfred J. Stone, 1835.
C. C. Humphreys, 1871, 1872.	Capt. Daniel Stone, 1820.
Samuel R. Jackson, 1865, 1866.	John L. Swift, 1862.
Francis C. Jordan, 1875, 1876.	Brigadier Samuel Thompson, 1776.
	Samuel S. Wing, 1855.

## FROM TOPSHAM.

Joseph Barron, 1856.	Actor Patten, 3d, 1810, 1811.
George Barron, 1872.	Actor Patten, 1812, 1813, 1815.
Benjamin M. Brown, 1866.	Rufus Patten, 1860, 1864.
Jonathan Ellis, 1805.	Major Nahum Perkins, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1829.
Major William Frost, 1823, 1824, 1828, 1830.	Sandford A. Perkins, 1858.
James Fulton, 1775.	Dr. Benjamin J. Porter, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1804.
Nathaniel Green, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1846.	Daniel F. Potter, 1868, 1870.
Benjamin Hasey, 1806, 1807, 1809, 1814, 1816.	Humphrey Purinton, 1821, 1822.
Aaron Hinkley, 1841.	George Rogers, 1819.
Horace B. Hubbard, 1848.	Josiah Sandford, 1835.
William King, 1795, 1799.	David Scribner, 1832, 1833, 1834.
H. P. Mallett, 1854.	William S. Skolfield, 1862, 1874.
Abel Merrill, 1820.	Willis Sprague, 1852.
	Charles Thompson, 1831.

John H. Thompson, 1837.  
 Samuel Thompson, 1784 to 1788, 1790  
 to 1794, and 1797, 1798.

Robert P. Whitney, 1851.  
 Henry Wilson, 1808.

FROM HARPSWELL.

John Blake, 1841.  
 Joseph Coney, 1799.  
 John Curtis, 1821, 1825, 1826, 1834,  
 1835.  
 Benjamin Dunning, 1785, 1791, 1793,  
 1797, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1806.  
 James H. Dunning, 1856.  
 Samuel Dunning, 1808.  
 Thomas U. Eaton, 1860.  
 Thomas A. Estes, 1863.  
 Jonathan Fogg, 1871.  
 Phineas Foss, 1872.  
 Washington Garcelon, 1837, 1838,  
 1840, 1843.  
 Stephen Merrit, 1831.  
 David Pennell, 1873.  
 Thomas Pennell, 1866.

Stephen Purinton, 1810, 1813, 1814,  
 1816, 1820, 1824.  
 Benjamin Randall, 1822, 1823, 1827,  
 1830, 1836.  
 Paul Randall, 1832, 1833, 1839.  
 Paul Raymond, 1819.  
 Clement Skolfield, 1846, 1847, 1849,  
 1850, 1852, 1854.  
 Capt. Isaac Snow, 1783, 1787, 1789,  
 1790, 1792.  
 Samuel Snow, 1795.  
 Samuel Stanwood, 1770.  
 Lemuel H. Stover, 1862, 1868, 1869.  
 Daniel R. Stover, 1875, 1876.  
 Isaac Sylvester, 1828, 1829.  
 Marlborough Sylvester, 1809.  
 Levi L. Totman, 1845.



## APPENDIX VII.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## SELECTMEN OF BRUNSWICK.

**1739.**

Captain Benjamin Larrabee.  
 Samuel Hinkley.  
 John Getchel.  
 James Duning.  
 David Duning.

**1740.**

Benjamin Larrabee.  
 Samuel Hincley.  
 David Giveen.

**1741.**

Samuel Hinkley.  
 David Duning.  
 Robert Spear.

**1742.**

Capt. Benjamin Larrabee.  
 Samuel Hinkley.  
 Wymond Bradbury.

**1743.**

Elected at annual meeting. Held office till  
 Aug. 30.

Isaac Snow.  
 Samuel Hinkley.  
 Wymond Bradbury.

Elected Aug. 30. Held office till Jan. 17, '44.

Capt John Minot.  
 Eben Standwood.  
 James Dunning.

**1744.**

Elected Jan. 17. Held office till March meet-  
 ing.

Thos. Skolfield  
 Ebenezer Standwood.  
 James Dunning.

Elected at annual meeting in March.

James Dunning.  
 Samuel Clark.  
 Ebenezer Standwood.

**1745.**

Thomas Skolfield.  
 Ebenezer Standwood.  
 Aaron Hinkley.

**1746.**

David Given.  
 Isaac Snow.  
 Thomas Skolfield.

**1747.**

David Given.  
 Isaac Snow.  
 Thomas Skolfield.

**1748.**

James Thompson.  
 Thomas Skolfield.  
 John Smart.

**1749.**

John Getchel.  
 David Dunning.  
 Thomas Skolfield.

**1750.**

John Minot.  
 Aaron Hinkley.  
 Robert Finney.

**1751.**

John Minot.  
 Isaac Snow.  
 Robert Finney.

**1752.**

James Thompson.  
 Samuel Standwood.  
 Thomas Skolfield.

**1753.**

William Woodside.  
 James Thompson.  
 Thomas Skolfield.

**1754.**

James Thompson.  
Samuel Standwood.  
Thomas Skolfield.

**1755.**

Aaron Hinkley.  
William Speer.  
Robert Giveen.

**1756.**

Isaac Snow.  
Samuel Standwood.  
Thomas Skolfield.

**1757.**

James Thompson.  
William Standwood.  
Thomas Skolfield.

**1758.**

Isaac Snow.  
William Standwood.  
Thomas Skolfield.

**1759.**

Aaron Hinkley.  
William Standwood.  
Thomas Skolfield.

**1760.**

Aaron Hinkley.  
Samuel Moody.  
Thomas Skolfield.

**1761.**

Samuel Standwood.  
Phineas Nevers.  
Thomas Skolfield.

**1762.**

Thomas Skolfield.  
Samuel Standwood.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.

**1763.**

Samuel Standwood.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Vincent Woodside.

**1764.**

Samuel Standwood.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Vincent Woodside.

**1765.**

Samuel Standwood.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Thomas Skolfield.

**1766.**

Thomas Skolfield.  
Samuel Standwood.  
Stephen Getchell.

**1767.**

Thomas Skoifield.  
Samuel Standwood.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.

**1768.**

Samuel Thompson.  
William Woodside.  
Andrew Dunning.

**1769.**

Samuel Thompson.  
William Woodside.  
Andrew Dunning.

**1770.**

Samuel Thompson.  
Andrew Dunning.  
William Woodside.

**1771.**

Samuel Thompson.  
William Woodside.  
Robert Spear.

**1772.**

Thomas Skolfield.  
Samuel Standwood.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.

**1773.**

Thomas Skolfield.  
Samuel Standwood.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.

**1774.**

Samuel Standwood.  
William Standwood.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.

**1775.**

Thomas Skolfield.  
Thomas Moulton.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.

**1776.**

Samuel Standwood.  
Benjamin Stone.  
James Curtis.

**1777.**

Benjamin Stone.  
Samuel Standwood.  
James Curtis.

**1778.**

William Stanwood.  
John Dunlap.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.

**1779.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
William Stanwood.  
Andrew Dunning.

**1780.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
William Stanwood.  
Andrew Dunning.

**1781.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
William Stanwood.  
Andrew Dunning.

**1782.**

Thomas Skolfield.  
Samuel Stanwood.  
James Curtis.

**1783.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
William Stanwood, Jr.  
Ephraim Hunt.

**1784.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
William Stanwood, Jr.  
Ephraim Hunt.

**1785.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
William Stanwood, Jr.  
Ephraim Hunt.

**1786.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Ephraim Hunt.  
Andrew Dunning.

**1787.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Andrew Dunning.  
Ephraim Hunt.

**1788.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Andrew Dunning.  
William Stanwood, Jr.

**1789.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Andrew Dunning.  
William Stanwood, Jr.

**1790.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Andrew Dunning.  
William Stanwood, Jr.

**1791.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
John Dunning.  
Daniel Given.

**1792.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
John Dunning.  
Daniel Given.

**1793.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Daniel Given.  
Capt. Wm. Stanwood, Jr.

**1794.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Col. William Stanwood.  
Daniel Given.

**1795.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Col. Wm. Stanwood.  
Daniel Given.

**1796.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Col. Stanwood.  
Daniel Given.

**1797.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Col. Wm. Stanwood.  
Daniel Given.

**1798.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Col. Wm. Stanwood.  
Capt. Wm. Stanwood.

**1799.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Capt. Wm. Stanwood.  
Amos Lunt.

**1800.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
William Dunning.  
Amos Lunt.

**1801.**

William Dunning.  
Dr. Charles Coffin.  
Nathaniel Larrabee.



**1802.**

Nathaniel Larrabee.  
Col. Wm. Stanwood.  
Daniel Given.

**1803.**

Ephraim Hunt.  
Stephen Larrabee.  
Charles Coffin.

**1804.**

William Dunning.  
Capt. Robert Thompson.  
Thomas Noyes.

**1805.**

William Dunning.  
Thomas Noyes.  
Capt. Robert Thompson.

**1806.**

Capt Robert Thompson.  
William Dunning.  
Thomas Noyes.

**1807.**

William Dunning.  
John Perry, Jr.  
Stephen Larrabee, Jr.

**1808.**

William Dunning.  
John Perry, Jr.  
Stephen Larrabee, Jr.

**1809.**

Robert D. Dunning.  
Stephen Larrabee, Jr.  
Jacob Anderson.

**1810.**

Stephen Larrabee.  
Joseph Hacker.  
William Dunning.

**1811.**

John Given.  
Joseph Hacker.  
William Dunning.

**1812.**

Joseph Hacker.  
James Dunning.  
Stephen Larrabee.

**1813.**

James Dunning.  
Stephen Larrabee.  
Joseph Hacker.

**1814.**

Hon. Jacob Abbot.  
Robert D Dunning, Esq.  
Stephen Larrabee.

**1815.**

Joseph Hacker.  
Robert D. Dunning.  
David Given.

**1816.**

David Given.  
Joseph Hacker.  
Robert D. Dunning.

**1817.**

Joseph Hacker.  
Edward Raymond.  
Caleb Cushing.

**1818.**

Caleb Cushing.  
Joseph Hacker.  
Edward Raymond.

**1819.**

Caleb Cushing.  
Edward Raymond.  
Jacob Pennell.

**1820.**

Caleb Cushing.  
Edward Raymond.  
Jacob Pennell.

**1821.**

Caleb Cushing.  
Edward Raymond.  
Jacob Pennell.

**1822.**

Caleb Cushing.  
Edward Raymond.  
Jacob Pennell.

**1823.**

Caleb Cushing.  
Edward Raymond.  
Jacob Pennell.

**1824.**

Abner Bourne.  
Thomas Given, 2d.  
David Farrin.

**1825.**

Abner Bourne.  
Thomas Given, Jr.  
David Farrin.

**1836.**

Abner Bourne.  
Thomas Given, 2d.  
David Farrin.

**1827.**

John A. Dunning.  
James F. Matthews.  
Thomas Given.

**1828.**

John A. Dunning.  
James F. Matthews.  
Thomas Given.

**1829.**

John A. Dunning.  
James F. Mathews.  
Thomas Given.

**1830.**

John A. Dunning.  
James F. Mathews.  
Thomas Given.

**1831.**

Noah Hiukley.  
James F. Mathews.  
Isaiah Hacker.

**1832.**

John A. Dunning.  
James F. Matthews.  
Isaiah Hacker.

**1833.**

John A. Dunning.  
James F. Matthews.  
Isaiah Hacker.

**1834.**

Elijah P. Pike.  
Isaiah Hacker.  
Thomas Given.

**1835.**

Nathaniel Dunning.  
James F. Matthews.  
Henry Merritt.

**1836.**

Nathaniel Dunning.  
James F. Matthews.  
Thomas Given, 2d.

**1837.**

James. F. Matthews.  
Thomas Given, 2d.  
John C. Humphreys.

**1838.**

James F. Matthews.  
Robert Pennell.  
Peter Jordan.

**1839.**

James F. Matthews.  
Robert Pennell.  
James Cox.

**1840.**

James F. Matthews.  
James Cox.  
Joseph Lunt, 2d.

**1841.**

James F. Matthews.  
James Cox.  
Joseph Lunt, 2d.

**1842.**

Adam Lemont.  
Joseph Lunt, 2d.  
Richard Greenleaf.

**1843.**

Adam Lemont.  
Joseph Lunt, 2d.  
Richard Greenleaf.

**1844.**

Adam Lemont.  
Richard Greenleaf.  
Joseph Lamb, 2d.

**1845.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
Joseph Lunt, 2d.  
Samuel S. Wing.

**1846.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
Joseph Lunt, 2d.  
Samuel S. Wing.

**1847.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
Samuel S. Wing.  
James Otis.

**1848.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
Samuel S. Wing.  
J. W. Forsaith.

**1849.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
S. S. Wing.  
Benjamin D. Pennell.

**1850.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
Samuel S. Wing.  
Benjamin D. Pennell.

**1851.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
Benjamin Furbish.  
John S. Gross.

**1852.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
Rodney Forsaith.  
Benjamin D. Pennell.

**1853.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
Rodney Forsaith.  
Benjamin D. Pennell.

**1854.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
Rodney Forsaith.  
Benjamin D. Pennell.

**1855.**

Joseph Lunt, 2d.  
George C. Crawford.  
Gardiner G. Frost.

**1856.**

Joseph Lunt, 2d.  
Thomas S. Dunning.  
Joseph C. Given.

**1857.**

Joseph Lunt, 2d.  
John L. Swift.  
Gardiner G. Frost.

**1858.**

Joseph Lunt, 2d.  
John L. Swift.  
John S. Gross.

**1859.**

Richard Greenleaf.  
William S. Given.  
Nathaniel Badger.

**1860.**

John L. Swift.  
Leonard Townsend.  
Augustus F. Cox.

**1861.**

John L. Swift.  
Leonard Townsend.  
Augustus F. Cox.

**1862.**

Leonard Townsend.  
Augustus F. Cox.  
Francis Owen.

**1863.**

Leonard Townsend.  
Augustus F. Cox.  
Francis Owen.

**1864.**

Leonard Townsend.  
Augustus F. Cox.  
Francis Owen.

**1865.**

Joseph Lunt, 2d.  
John L. Swift.  
Leonard Townsend.

**1866.**

Joseph Lunt.  
Augustus F. Cox.  
John L. Swift.

**1867.**

Joseph Lunt.  
Augustus F. Cox.  
Chas. C. Humphreys.

**1868.**

C. C. Humphreys.  
J. C. Given.  
Henry Carvill.

**1869.**

C. C. Humphreys.  
J. C. Given.  
Henry Carvill.

**1870.**

Henry Carvill.  
Joseph Lunt, 2d.  
Lyman E. Smith.

**1871.**

Henry Carvill.  
Lyman E. Smith.  
Chas. N. Bates.

**1872.**

Henry Carvill.  
Lyman E. Smith.  
John Crawford.

**1873.**

Lyman E. Smith.  
Thomas U. Eaton.  
Larkin D. Snow.



**1874.**

Larkin D. Snow.  
Samuel S. Wing.  
Geo. P. Simpson.

**1875.**

Samuel S. Wing.  
Geo. P. Simpson.  
Horatio A. Patten.

**1876.**

Lyman E. Smith.  
Samuel S. Wing.  
Thomas U. Eaton.

**1877.**

Lyman E. Smith.  
Thomas U. Eaton.  
Sumner L. Holbrook.

## TOWN CLERKS OF BRUNSWICK.

Nathaniel Badger, from 1837 to 1859.

Wimond Bradbury, 1741, 1742.

Charles Coffin, 1803.

David Dunning, 1762.

Robert Finney, from 1744 to 1751.

J. W. Forsaith, 1865 to 1867.

Daniel Given, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820.

Samuel Hinkley, 1739

Benjamin Larrabee, 1740, 1743.

Nathaniel Larrabee, from 1766 to 1802.

John McKeen, from 1821 to 1836.

John Perry, 1809.

Nathaniel Poor, 1814.

Thomas Skolfield, from 1752 to 1761 and 1763, 1764, 1765.

Jotham Stone, from 1804 to 1808.

Leonard Townsend, from 1860 to 1864, and from 1868 to 1877.

## SELECTMEN OF TOPSHAM.

**1764.**

John Fulton.  
John Reed.  
John Merrill.

**1765.**

No record.

**1766.**

Adam Hunter.  
James Hendry.  
John Fulton.

**1767.**

James Hunter.  
John Merrill.  
John Winchell.

**1768.**

John Fulton.  
James Hunter.  
John Merrill.

**1769.**

William Thorne.  
James Henry, Sen.  
Actor Patten.

**1770.**

Joseph Graves.  
James Mustard.  
John Merrill.

**1771.**

John Merrill.  
William Reed, Jr.  
James Fulton.

**1772.**

John Fulton.  
John Merrill.  
James Potter, Jr.

**1773.**

John Merrill.  
James Hunter.  
Samuel Graves.

**1774.**

Thomas Wilson.  
James Beverage.  
John Winchell.

**1775.**

Thomas Wilson.  
James Beverage.  
John Fulton.

**1776.**

John Fulton.  
William Randall.  
Actor Patten.

**1777.**

John Merrill.  
James Potter.  
James Fulton.

1778.

John Merrill.  
James Potter.  
James Fulton.

1779.

John Merrill.  
James Hunter.  
William Wilson.

1780.

John Merrill.  
James Fulton.  
William Wilson.

1781.

John Merrill.  
Arthur Hunter.  
Jonathan Berry.

1782.

Arthur Hunter.  
John Reed.  
James Wilson.

1783.

Arthur Hunter.  
James Wilson.  
John Sandford.

1784.

John Fulton.  
James Wilson.  
Arthur Hunter.

1785.

John Fulton.  
James Wilson.  
Arthur Hunter.

1786.

John Fulton.  
James Wilson.  
Arthur Hunter.

1787.

John Fulton.  
James Wilson.  
Arthur Hunter.

1788.

John Fulton.  
James Wilson.  
Arthur Hunter.

1789.

John Fulton.  
Jonston Graves.  
Ezekiel Thompson.

1790.

William Wilson.  
John Rogers.  
Ezekiel Thompson.

1791.

William Wilson.  
John Rogers.  
Ezekiel Thompson.

1792.

William Wilson.  
Ezekiel Thompson.  
John Rogers.

1793.

John Fulton.  
William Wilson.  
John Merrill.

1794.

John Merrill.  
John Fulton.  
William Wilson.

1795.

John Merrill.  
John Fulton.  
William Wilson.

1796.

John Merrill.  
John Fulton.  
William Wilson.

1797.

John Merrill.  
John Fulton.  
William Wilson.

1798.

John Merrill.  
James Wilson.  
Alexander Rogers.

1799.

William Wilson.  
Alexander Thompson.  
Robert Patten.

1800.

John Merrill.  
Arthur Hunter.  
John Fulton.

1801.

John Fulton.  
Arthur Hunter.  
John Merrill.

**1802.**

Arthur Hunter.  
John Merrill.  
Alexander Rogers.

**1803.**

John Merrill.  
John Fulton.  
Alexander Thompson.

**1804.**

Alexander Thompson, Sen.  
Ezra Smith.  
John Rogers.

**1805.**

John Merrill.  
John Rogers.  
Pelatiah Haley, Jr.

**1806.**

Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
Actor Patten, Jr.  
Crispus Graves.

**1807.**

Actor Patten, Jr.  
Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
Crispus Graves.

**1808.**

Actor Patten, Jr.  
Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
Crispus Graves.

**1809.**

Actor Patten, 3d.  
Crispus Graves.  
Pelatiah Haley, Jr.

**1810.**

Actor Patten, 3d.  
Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
William Graves.

**1811.**

William Graves.  
Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
James Fulton, Jr.

**1812.**

William Graves.  
Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
James Fulton, Jr.

**1813.**

Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
William Graves.  
James Fulton, Jr.

**1814.**

Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
Alexander Thompson.  
William Graves.

**1815.**

Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
Alexander Thompson.  
William Graves.

**1816.**

Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
Alexander Thompson.  
William Graves.

**1817.**

Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
William Graves.  
John Rogers, Jr.

**1818.**

Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
William Graves.  
John Rogers, Jr.

**1819.**

Pelatiah Haley, Jr.  
William Graves.  
George F. Patten.

**1820.**

Benjamin J. Porter.  
David Foster.  
Arthur Hunter, Jr.

**1821.**

Pelatiah Haley.  
John Rogers, Jr.  
William Graves.

**1822.**

Pelatiah Haley.  
William Graves.  
John Rogers.

**1823.**

Pelatiah Haley.  
William Graves.  
Capt. John Rogers.

**1824.**

Pelatiah Haley.  
William Graves.  
Capt. John Rogers.

**1825.**

Pelatiah Haley.  
William Graves.  
John Rogers, Jr.



1826.

Pelattiah Haley.  
Capt. John Rogers, Jr.  
Isaac Thompson.

1827.

Nathaniel Green.  
Capt. John Rogers, Jr.  
John H. Thompson.

1828.

Nathaniel Green.  
John H. Thompson.  
John Rogers, Jr.

1829.

Nathaniel Green.  
John H. Thompson.  
Josiah Sandford.

1830.

Nathaniel Green.  
Josiah Sandford.  
Isaac Thompson.

1831.

John H. Thompson.  
Josiah Sandford.  
Samuel Perkins.

1832.

John H. Thompson.  
Josiah Sandford.  
Samuel Perkins.

1833.

John H. Thompson.  
Josiah Sandford.  
Samuel Perkins.

1834.

John H. Thompson.  
Josiah Sandford.  
Samuel Perkins.

1835.

John H. Thompson.  
Josiah Sandford.  
Samuel Perkins.

1836.

John H. Thompson.  
George Rogers.  
Joshua Haskell.

1837.

John H. Thompson.  
George Rogers.  
Joshua Haskell.

1838.

George Rogers.  
Joshua Haskell.  
David Scribner.

1839.

Nathaniel Green.  
David Scribner.  
Benjamin Thompson.

1840.

Nathaniel Green.  
David Scribner.  
Benjamin Thompson.

1841.

David Scribner.  
Benjamin Thompson.  
Alvah Jameson.

1842.

Nathaniel Green.  
Josiah Sandford.  
Francis T. Purinton.

1843.

Nathaniel Green.  
Josiah Sandford.  
F. T. Purinton.

1844.

Nathaniel Green.  
Francis T. Purinton.  
Matthew Patten.

1845.

Alvah Jameson.  
George Rogers.  
Benjamin Thompson.

1846.

Alvah Jameson.  
George Rogers.  
Uriah Jack.

1847.

Alvah Jameson.  
George Rogers.  
Uriah Jack.

1848.

George Rogers.  
Uriah Jack.  
John H. Thompson.

1849.

George Rogers.  
Uriah Jack.  
Charles E. White.

**1850.]**

George Rogers.  
Caleb Killgore.  
John H. Alexander.

**1851.**

George Rogers.  
Caleb Killgore.  
John H. Alexander.

**1852.**

George Rogers.  
Caleb Killgore.  
John Alexander.

**1853.**

William Dennett.  
Caleb Killgore.  
Humphrey P. Mallett.

**1854.**

William Dennett.  
Humphrey P. Mallett.  
Holman Staples.

**1855.**

William Dennett.  
George Rogers.  
Aaron Hinkley.

**1856.**

George Rogers.  
John H. Thompson.  
Robert Tate.

**1857.**

George Rogers.  
Joshua Haskell.  
Robert Tate.

**1858.**

Humphrey P. Mallett.  
Joshua Haskell.  
Holman Staples.

**1859.**

George Rogers.  
Fred W. Dearborn.  
Charles T. Patten.

**1860.**

H. P. Mallett.  
Francis Adams.  
Given Jameson.

**1861.**

H. P. Mallett.  
Francis Adams.  
Given Jameson.

**1862.**

Humphrey P. Mallett.  
George A. Rogers.  
Charles W. Purinton.

**1863.**

H. P. Mallett.  
Given Jameson.  
David Work.

**1864.**

H. P. Mallett.  
Given Jameson.  
David Work.

**1865.**

H. P. Mallett.  
Given Jameson.  
David Work.

**1866.**

H. P. Mallett.  
Given Jameson.  
David Work.

**1867.**

Francis Adams.  
Given Jameson.  
George A. Rogers.

**1868.**

Francis Adams.  
George A. Rogers.  
Joseph H. Purington.

**1869.**

Francis Adams.  
George A. Rogers.  
Joseph H. Purington.

**1870.**

George A. Rogers.  
William E. Graves.  
Joseph H. Purington.

**1871.**

George A. Rogers.  
William E. Graves.  
Joseph H. Purington.

**1872.**

William Flye.  
David Work.  
Charles W. Purinton.

**1873.**

David Work.  
Charles W. Purinton.  
Joseph H. Purington.

**1874.**

George A. Rogers.  
Charles W. Purinton.  
Isaac E. Mallett.

**1875.**

Charles W. Purinton.  
Isaac E. Mallett  
Charles E. Haskell.

**1876.**

Isaac E. Mallett.  
Charles W. Purinton.  
Frederick W. Dearborn.

**1877.**

Charles W. Purinton.  
Isaac E. Mallett  
Frederick W. Dearborn.

**TOWN CLERKS OF TOPSHAM.**

James T. Adams, 1861.  
James Barron, 1864.  
Bela T. Bicknell, 1842, 1843.  
William Dennett, 1836, 1837.  
Alfred W. Dennett, 1874.  
Obadiah E. Frost, 1838, 1839.  
Robert Gower, from 1767 to 1772.  
Nathaniel Green, 1840.  
John Hunter, 1773, 1774, 1775.  
Robert Hunter, from 1776 to 1793.  
Benjamin Jaques, from 1865 to 1870.  
Gould Jewell, 1841.  
F. T. Littlefield, 1861.  
Abel Merrill, 1819.  
John Morse, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806.  
Benjamin Jones Porter, 1794, 1795,  
1796.

Abner W. Purington, 1856, 1862,  
1863.  
John Rogers, 1797, 1798.  
George Rogers, from 1813 to 1818.  
Thomas E. Sandford, 1812  
Ezra Smith, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802.  
John H. Thompson, from 1829 to  
1835, and 1852, 1853, 1854, 1859.  
William Thorne, 1764, 1766.  
Nathaniel Walker, from 1820 to 1828.  
Charles E. White, from 1843 to 1849,  
and 1857, 1858, 1871, 1876, 1877.  
Robert P. Whitney, 1850, 1851, 1860.  
Henry Wilson, from 1807 to 1811.  
L. M. Work, 1855.  
Charles W. Wilson, 1872, 1873, 1875.

**SELECTMEN OF HARPSWELL.**

**1753.**

David Curtis.  
Isaac Hall.  
Andrew Dunning.

**1759.**

David Curtis.  
Andrew Dunning.  
Paul Raymond.

**1760.**

Edward Easters.  
Jonathan Flint.  
Andrew Dunning.  
Paul Raymond.  
Isaac Snow.

**1761.**

Jonathan Flint.  
Paul Raymond.  
Walter Merriman.

**1762.**

Jonathan Flint.  
Walter Merriman.  
James Booker.

**1763.**

Capt. William Sylvester.  
Lieut Joshua Berstow.  
Paul Raymond.

**1764.**

Andrew Dunning.  
Nehemiah Curtis.  
Paul Raymond.

**1765.**

Paul Raymond.  
Nehemiah Curtis.  
John Roduck.

**1766.**

Nehemiah Curtis.  
John Roduck  
Nathaniel Purinton.

**1767.**

Nathaniel Purinton.  
Nehemiah Curtis.  
John Roduck.



**1768.**

William Sylvester, Esq.  
Edward Cunningham.  
Nathaniel Purinton.

**1769.**

William Sylvester, Esq.  
Edward Cunningham.  
Nathaniel Purinton.

**1770.**

Paul Raymond.  
Capt. John Stover.  
Ezekiel Curtis.

**1771.**

William Sylvester.  
Ezekiel Curtis.  
Paul Raymond.

**1772.**

William Sylvester.  
Ezekiel Curtis.  
Isaac Snow.

**1773.**

William Sylvester.  
Isaac Snow.  
Ezekiel Curtis.

**1774.**

William Sylvester.  
John Snow.  
Ezekiel Curtis.

**1775.**

Lieut. John Roduck.  
Anthony Coombs, Jr.  
William Sylvester.

**1776.**

William Sylvester, Esq.  
Lieut. John Roduck.  
Ensign Anthony Coombs, Jr.

**1777.**

William Sylvester, Esq.  
John Roduck.  
Anthony Coombs, Jr.

**1778.**

William Sylvester, Esq.  
Nathaniel Purinton, Esq.  
Capt. Nehemiah Curtis.

**1779.**

William Sylvester, Esq.  
John Roduck.  
Simeon Hopkins.

**1780.**

John Roduck.  
Nathaniel Purinton, Esq.  
Ezekiel Curtis.

**1781.**

John Roduck.  
Lieut. Benj. Duning.  
Dea. Isaac Snow.

**1782.**

Capt. Isaac Snow.  
John Roduck.  
Lieut. Benj. Duning.

**1783.**

William Sylvester.  
John Roduck.  
Nathaniel Purinton.

**1784.**

John Roduck.  
Nathaniel Purinton.  
Ezekiel Curtis.

**1785.**

John Roduck.  
Nathaniel Purinton.  
Ezekiel Curtis.

**1786.**

Nathaniel Purinton.  
John Roduck.  
Ezekiel Curtis.

**1787.**

Nathaniel Purinton.  
John Roduck.  
Ezekiel Curtis.

**1788.**

John Roduck.  
Ezekiel Curtis.  
Anthony Coombs.

**1789.**

John Roduck.  
Anthony Coombs.  
Ezekiel Curtis.

**1790.**

Isaac Snow.  
Daniel Randall.  
Ezekiel Curtis.

**1791.**

Johnson Stover.  
John Rodick.  
Stephen Purinton.

1792.

Johnson Stover.  
John Rodick.  
Isaac Snow.

1793.

John Rodick.  
Ezekiel Curtis.  
Stephen Purinton.

1794.

Joseph Carr.  
Johnson Stover.  
Capt. Nehemiah Curtis.

1795.

John Rodick.  
Ezekiel Curtis.  
Lient. Anthony Coombs.

1796.

John Rodick.  
Ezekiel Curtis.  
Lient. Anthony Coombs.

1797.

Samuel Snow.  
John Rodick.  
Marlborough Sylvester.

1798.

Samuel Snow.  
John Rodick.  
Marlborough Sylvester.

1799.

John Rodick.  
Marlborough Sylvester.  
Charles Ryan.

1800.

Paul Randall.  
Marlborough Sylvester.  
Anthony Coombs.

1801.

Anthony Coombs.  
Marlborough Sylvester.  
Capt. Nehemiah Curtis.

1802.

Anthony Coombs.  
Marlborough Sylvester.  
John Rodick.

1803.

Capt. Samuel Snow.  
Marlborough Sylvester.  
Paul Curtis.

1804.

Marlborough Sylvester.  
John Snow, Jr.  
Johnson Stover.

1805.

John Snow, Jr.  
Marlborough Sylvester.  
Capt. Johnson Stover.

1806.

Marlborough Sylvester.  
Capt. Johnson Stover.  
Capt. John Snow.

1807.

Harrison Cleaves.  
Marlborough Sylvester.  
Paul Raymond.

1808.

Marlborough Sylvester.  
Alcot Stover, Jr.  
Paul Raymond.

1809.

John Curtis.  
Alcot Stover, Jr.  
Paul Raymond.

1810.

John Curtis.  
Alcot Stover, Jr.  
Paul Raymond.

1811.

John Curtis.  
Paul Raymond.  
Alcot Stover, Jr.

1812.

John Curtis.  
Alcot Stover, Jr.  
Paul Raymond.

1813.

John Curtis.  
Stephen Snow.  
Alcot Stover, Jr.

1814.

John Curtis.  
Alcot Stover, Jr.  
Paul Raymond.

1815.

Marlborough Sylvester.  
Alcot Stover, Jr.  
Anthony Coombs.

## 1816.

Alcot Stover, Jr.  
John Curtis.  
Paul Raymond.

## 1817.

John Curtis.  
Alcot Stover, Jr.  
Paul Raymond.

## 1818.

Benjamin Randall.  
John Pennell.  
Paul Raymond.

## 1819.

John Curtis.  
Benjamin Randall.  
Paul Raymond.

## 1820.

George Skollfield.  
Benjamin Randall.  
Stephen Merritt.

## 1821.

Paul Raymond.  
John Curtis.  
Capt. Peleg Curtis.

## 1822.

John Curtis.  
Paul Raymond.  
Benjamin Randall.

## 1823.

Isaac Sylvester.  
Benjamin Randall.  
Paul Raymond.

## 1824.

Isaac Sylvester.  
Samuel Toothaker.  
Capt. Peleg Curtis.

## 1825.

Peleg Curtis.  
Isaac Sylvester.  
Samuel Toothaker

## 1826.

Samuel Toothaker  
Paul Randall.  
Peleg Curtis.

## 1827.

Sylvester Stover.  
Paul Randall.  
Samuel Toothaker.

## 1828.

Benjamin Randall.  
Samuel Toothaker.  
James Meryman, 3d.

## 1829.

James Meryman, 3d.  
Benjamin Randall.  
Samuel Toothaker.

## 1830.

James Eastman.  
James Meryman, 3d.  
Benjamin Randall.

## 1831.

Peleg Curtis.  
James Meryman, 3d.  
Simeon Orr.

## 1832.

Paul Randall.  
John Stover.  
Simeon Orr.

## 1833.

Paul Randall.  
Benjamin Randall.  
Samuel Toothaker.

## 1834.

Peleg Curtis.  
James Meryman, 3d.  
Samuel Toothaker.

## 1835.

Isaac Stover.  
Paul Randall.  
Stephen Snow.

## 1836.

Isaac Stover.  
Paul Randall.  
Samuel Toothaker.

## 1837.

Isaac Stover.  
Paul Randall.  
James Eastman.

## 1838.

Benjamin Randall.  
Thomas Alexander.  
James Eastman.

## 1839.

Thomas Alexander.  
William Randall.  
Simeon Orr.



1840.

Washington Garcelon.  
Thomas Alexander.  
Simeon Orr.

1841.

Benjamin Randall.  
James Meryman, 3d.  
Simeon Orr.

1842.

Paul Randall.  
Isaac Stover.  
Samuel Toothaker.

1843.

Paul Randall.  
Isaac Stover.  
Samuel Toothaker.

1844.

Paul Randall.  
Harry C. Martin.  
Simeon Hopkins.

1845.

Isaiah Snow.  
Paul Randall.  
Washington Garcelon.

1846.

Alcot Stover.  
Robert Pennell.  
Robert Stover.

1847.

Isaiah Snow.  
Alcot Stover.  
Robert Pennell.

1848.

Isaiah Snow.  
Robert Pennell.  
James Stover.

1849.

James Stover.  
Isaiah Snow.  
Robert Pennell.

1850.

Robert Pennell.  
James Stover.  
Isaiah Snow.

1851.

James Stover.  
Isaiah Snow.  
Robert Pennell.

1852.

Robert Pennell.  
Isaiah Snow.  
James Stover.

1853.

Thomas U. Eaton.  
Simeon Hopkins.  
David Webber.

1854.

Thos. U. Eaton.  
David Webber.  
Simeon Hopkins.

1855.

Thos. U. Eaton.  
David Webber.  
Isaiah Snow.

1856.

Thos. U. Eaton.  
Alcot S. Merryman.  
Alexander Ewing.

1857.

Henry Barnes.  
Lemuel H. Stover.  
Alexander Ewing.

1858.

Henry Barnes.  
Lemuel H. Stover.  
Alexander Ewing.

1859.

Thos. U. Eaton.  
Wm. Randall.  
Joseph Orr.

1860.

Thos. U. Eaton.  
Wm. Randall.  
Joseph Orr.

1861.

William Randall.  
Paul A. Durgan.  
Isaiah Snow.

1862.

Isaiah Snow.  
Hutson Merriman.  
David Webber.

1863.

Geo. R. Skolfield.  
Lemuel H. Stover.  
Joseph D. Wyer.

## 1864.

Lemuel H. Stover.  
Wm. C. Eaton.  
Samuel S. Toothaker.

## 1865.

Wm. C. Eaton.  
L. H. Stover.  
Samuel S. Toothaker.

## 1866.

Thos. Pennell.  
E. C. Simpson.  
Stephen Purinton.

## 1867.

L. H. Stover.  
William C. Eaton.  
Charles E. Trufant.

## 1868.

William C. Eaton.  
L. H. Stover.  
Francis J. Orr.

## 1869.

L. H. Stover.  
William C. Eaton.  
S. S. Toothaker.

## 1870.

Isaac Merryman, 2d.  
Sylvester Stover.  
S. S. Toothaker.

## 1871.

David Pennell.  
L. H. Stover.  
S. S. Toothaker.

## 1872.

James Alexander.  
E. K. Hodgkins.  
S. S. Toothaker.

## 1873.

Thomas E. Skolfield.  
Moses Bailey.  
S. S. Toothaker.

## 1874.

Thomas E. Skolfield.  
Moses Bailey.  
Samuel S. Toothaker.

## 1875.

Thomas E. Skolfield.  
Moses Bailey.  
Charles E. Trufant.

## 1876.

Thomas E. Skolfield.  
Elijah K. Hodgkins.  
Charles E. Trufant.

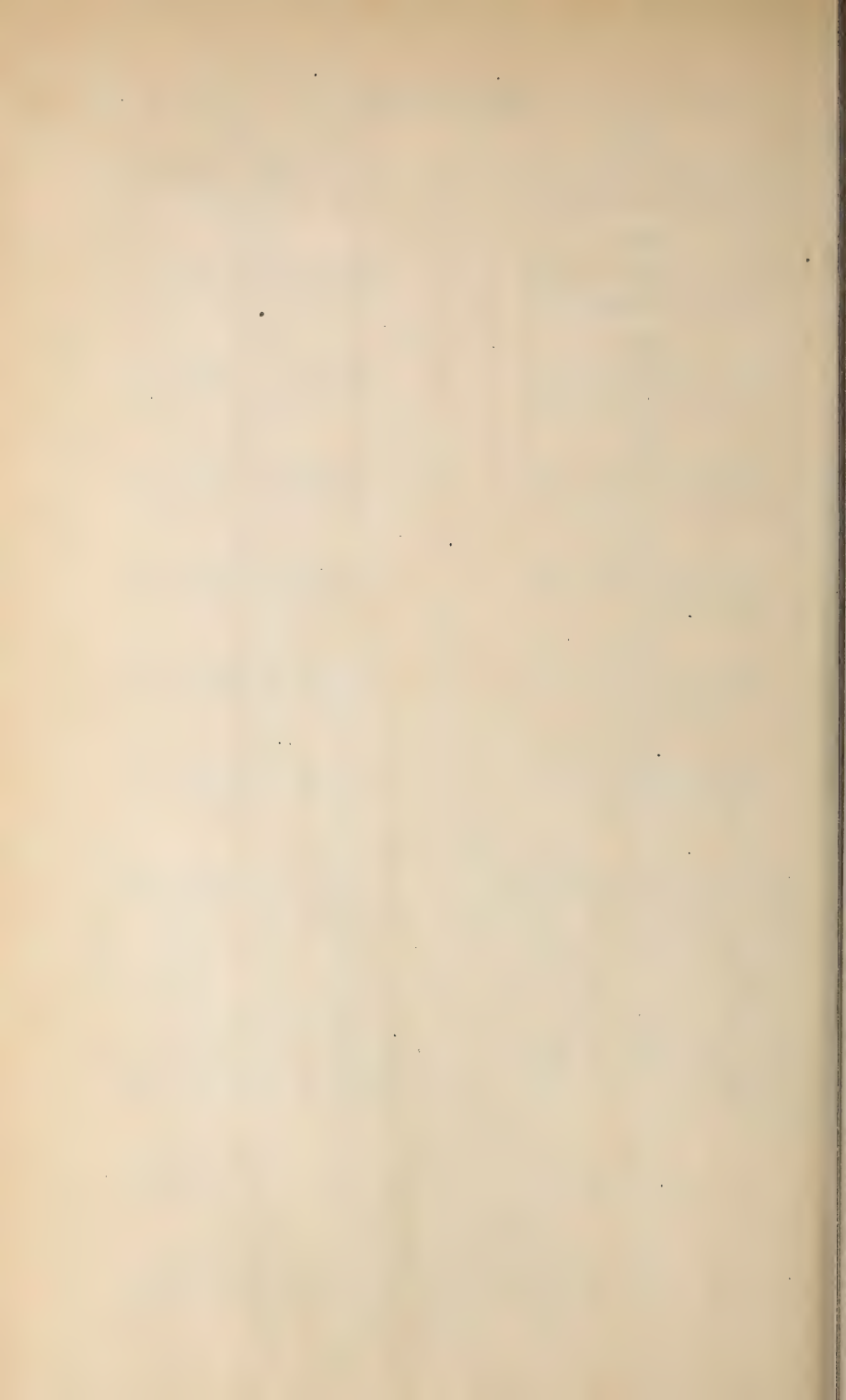
## 1877.

Thomas E. Skolfield.  
Elijah K. Hodgkins.  
Charles E. Trufant.

## TOWN CLERKS OF HARPSWELL.

Anthony Coombs, Jr, 1783, 1793.  
Andrew Dunning, from 1758 to 1782.  
Andrew Dunning, from 1814 to 1820.  
Benjamin Dunning, 1791, 1792.  
William Dunning, Jr, from 1800 to 1811.  
Joseph Eaton, from 1821 to 1825.  
Thomas U. Eaton, from 1853 to 1857, and in 1859, 1860.  
Washington Garcelon, 1844, 1845.  
James Meryman, 3d, 1833, 1834, 1835.  
Robert Pennell, from 1846 to 1852.

Paul Randall, from 1826 to 1832 (supply James Meryman, *q.v.*), and from 1836 to 1843.  
Elisha S. Stover, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877.  
Lemuel H. Stover, 1858, 1861, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871.  
Sylvester Stover, 1862, 1866.  
Marlborough Sylvester, from 1794 to 1799, and in 1813.  
William Sylvester, from 1784 to 1790.





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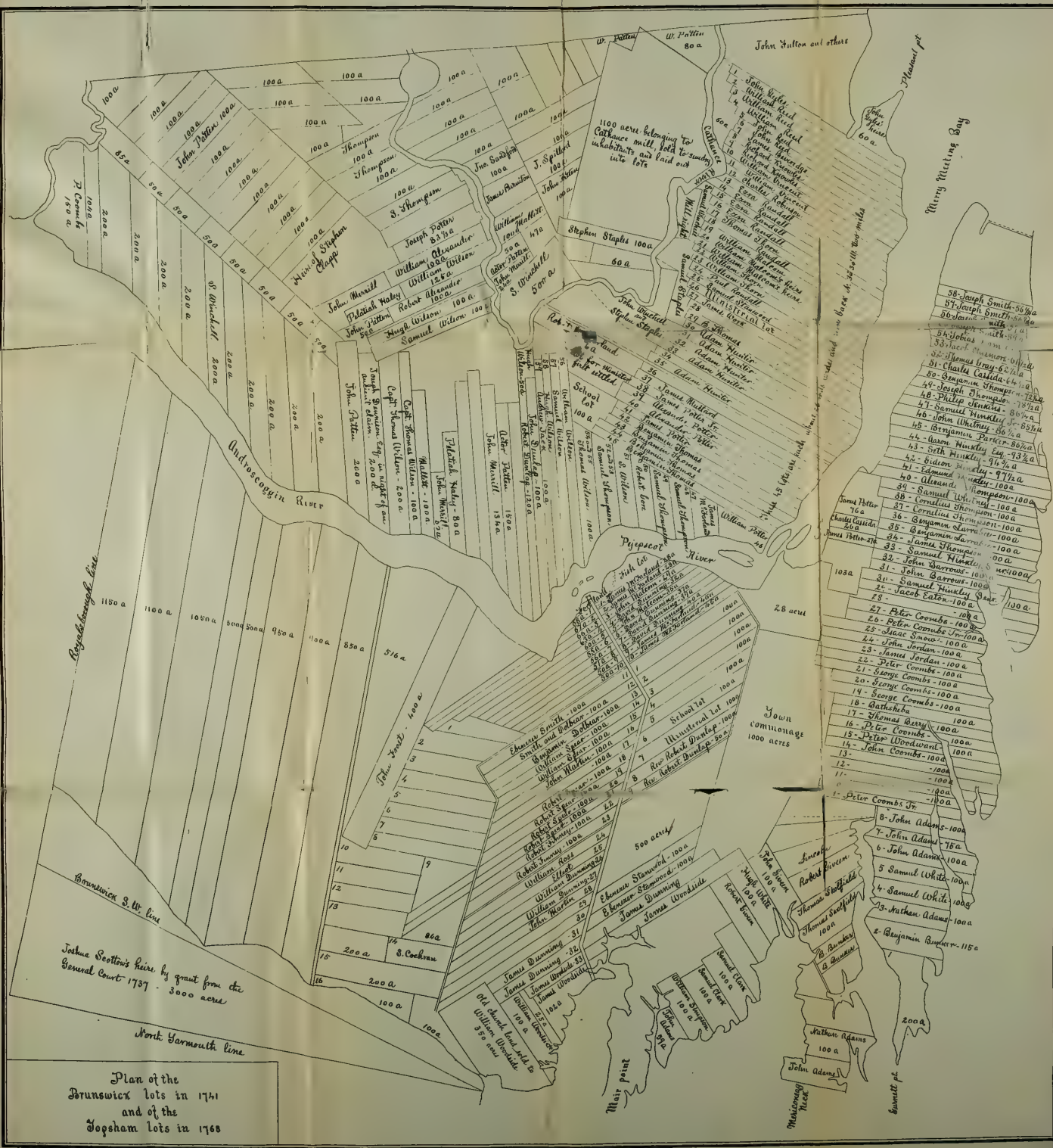
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